

and should have the protection  
of his job (as I understand)  
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giving his sponsors some  
F.B.I. encouragement & [redacted]

Thanking you

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P.S. it is possible that you have  
already started your investigation. Pls  
don't mention this letter as a  
file, as I am really nervous

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Dear [REDACTED]

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 14, 1941.

Please be advised that your comments therein have been noted and are being incorporated in the official files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Your courtesy in bringing this matter to my attention is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NEW YORK MIRROR  
DAILY AND SUNDAY

235 EAST 45th STREET  
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E. A. Tamm  
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Winchell got this mess of stuff when he was down South, and thought perhaps some of it would be of interest to you. He says it came to him wrapped in white paper.

regards,

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for Walter Winchell

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
215 Central Park West  
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of the letter dated April 12, 1941, with enclosures, signed by your secretary, Miss Rose Bigman.

This is to advise that the material submitted with the above letter has been noted and is being made a part of the files of this Bureau.

Your courtesy in bringing this matter to my attention is sincerely appreciated.

Cordially,

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The "National Committee To Uphold Constitutional Government" has informed me they intend to take such action. I wrote to Sumner Gerard, a well known lawyer, and he placed the letter in the above Committee's hands. Former Rep. Pettengill is a member. The most important thing is to contact as many people and patriotic groups, and place the issue before them.

Surely, the 22,000,000 Americans who voted against war and National Socialism, will respond once they know about it. But, how to contact them. How can one obtain the publicity? Every one is so fearful of their business and life, they keep silent. A handful of patriots saved America before, and there are enough patriots to save it again.

Americans must fight if they value their liberty and the security of the Constitution. Right now, we are planning a march on Washington to halt the trend towards war. But, it is work to contact groups in each State. We are in a position now where we are forced to fight. Certainly I will do what I can to save my country.

I think the Third Term issue will appeal to the people, and once they know it is a conspiracy against the U.S., they will act. Many think impeachment is too drastic and a disgrace. You could never make Congress take such action. I have written hundreds of letters along with others, to Congress, and all replies are the same, Not with a New Deal Congress.

Let me know what you think of the issue.

Sincerely yours

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**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA**  
Court District of Columbia No. 212  
1101 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

- September 30, 1938 - Radio Hour Party, Immaculate Conception Hall - - - - -8:00 P. M.
- October 1, 1938 - Effective Date of Opening of Membership Drive
- October 4, 1938 - Business Meeting, Willard Hotel- - - - -8:00 P. M.
- October 14, 1938 - Convert League Meeting, Willard Hotel- - - - -8:00 P. M.
- October 18, 1938 - Business and Social Meeting, Willard Hotel - - - - -8:00 P. M.
- October 22, 1938 - Bridge Luncheon, Wesley Hall, 1703 K Street, N. W. - -1:45 P. M.
- October 28, 1938 - Junior C.D.A. Bingo Party, Immaculate Conception Hall-8:00 P. M.

Dear Member:

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "It is faith in something and enthusiasm for some thing, that makes a life worth looking at." Therefore, your faith in the Catholic Daughters and the amount of enthusiasm and assistance you give to its activities will surely reflect to your own welfare and to the good of our fine Court. I feel I can depend upon you in the carrying out of the rather heavy program planned for the Fall and Winter months.

Radio Hour Party, Friday, September 30, 1938, 8:00 P.M.  
Immaculate Conception Hall, Eighth and N Sts., Northwest

Our program starts with a benefit party for a very good cause i.e., to assist our Worthy Chaplain, Doctor Cartwright, to carry on his radio hour - so important in Catholic Action work in this vicinity. The party will consist of bingo and cards and these will be played in different rooms so you will be able to really concentrate if you prefer playing cards to bingo. The games will start at 8 o'clock at Immaculate Conception Hall, 8th and N Streets, Northwest, Friday, September 30, and the price is only 50 cents. There will also be some special features including fortune telling by "Madame Pulmoneyski and Company, Inc." And you have heard about the C.D.A. expert cake makers. Well, 15 cakes have been promised so far. The prizes are very pretty and there is a wonderful door prize. The Chairman of this party, Miss Augusta E. Uhl, and her committee promise a most enjoyable evening.

October 1, 1938 - Opening Date of Membership Drive

I am pleased to state that Miss Mary Z. Weide has been appointed Chairman of Membership for our new class. The reception is to be held on November 20, 1938, at the Willard Hotel. The team captains will be announced at the business meeting of October 4. Miss Weide will at that time explain why you should interest a Catholic woman in joining our organization. Applications will be available and for your guidance please remember the following important points:

1. Practical Roman Catholic Women only shall be eligible to and entitled to continue membership in the order. Applicants must be 18 years of age and in sound bodily health.
2. Persons becoming members between the ages of 18 and 50 are eligible for \$100 mortuary benefit; between the ages of 50 and 60 for \$50 mortuary benefit;

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over sixty years of age, they are not entitled to any mortuary benefit.

3. The initiation fee for new members, or for former members who resigned and will therefore come in as new members, is \$3.00, one dollar of which goes to the Mortuary Fund. Applicants more than 60 years of age pay \$2.00 initiation fee. The fee for reinstated members - former members who were dropped from membership for non-payment of dues - is \$5.00, \$1.00 of which goes to the Mortuary Fund if applicant is under 60 years of age. One-half of fee is payable with presenting of application, and balance is to be paid on or before day of reception.
4. The dues are \$6.00 per year, payable quarterly or monthly, in advance.
5. If there is any point you do not understand, please take the matter up with your Grand Regent or the Chairman of Membership. Try to interest women whom you know will be an asset to the organization.

Business Meeting, Tuesday, October 4, 1938, Willard Hotel, 8:00 P.M.

For the benefit of those members who were not present at our business meeting of September 6, I advise that the Court by vote allowed a donation of \$100 to the Welfare Committee to carry on its work among the poor and the needy. This does away, of course, with the holding of small parties to defray expenses of this noble work. Also, at the business meeting of September 20 the Court granted, by vote, a sum of \$50 for a scholarship to an outstanding Junior Catholic Daughter who is found to merit the award. Father Gedra, the Chaplain of the Juniors, paid us a nice visit at the meeting and made a good plea for Senior Counselors for the Junior work.

The travelogue conducted by Miss Dorothea Barrett, our Worthy Vice-Grand Regent, as the social part of the evening was both interesting and entertaining. Miss Agnes Quinn transported us via magic carpet to Puerto Rico, Miss Madeline McGrath to Glacier National Park, and Miss May Barrett to Nova Scotia.

On Tuesday evening, October 4, at 8 o'clock, many interesting topics will be reported and discussed. Please try to be present. The new password for the quarterly period beginning October 1 will also be given.

Convert League Meeting. Bishop Hunt to speak. Willard Hotel, Friday, October 14, 1938, 8:15 P.M.

**Important Message Concerning the Convert League Program.**

Various members of the Hierarchy are scheduled to address the Convert League during the coming year. Very significant is the fact that the first speaker will be the Rt. Rev. D. G. Hunt, D.D., Bishop of Salt Lake City, Utah, a convert himself, who will address the Convert League meeting at the Willard Hotel, Friday, October 14, 1938, 8:15 P.M. As a qualified speaker for the Convert League, not only is Bishop Hunt a convert, but for the past eleven years he has specialized in addressing non-Catholic audiences. He is known as the best radio speaker West of the Mississippi. Most of our program will be given to his address, because his style as well as his subject never tires, and is always so effective. We are not merely interested in a crowded hall, but we hope, through your cooperation, to have a splendid group of converts and non-Catholics present. They will be delighted with his address and benefit greatly by it. Here is an opportunity for real missionary work on your part.

Miss Florence Winter, the Chairman of this Committee, will be pleased to receive the names of any converts. Please give the enclosed Convert League invitation to a friend.

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UN - AMERICAN PUBLISHING COMPANY  
63 Park Row  
New York City, N.Y.

I am in possession of Sept 1st Issue of your News Sheet, upon the front page I take note of a photo appearing with the American Flag laying on the floor and the Swastika hanging on the wall, I am very much interested in the true facts covering the act as described in the photo. I presume the Publishers of your paper has all the facts in this matter as well as the original negative combined with other events that took place at the meeting where the flag was displayed in the position as shown in the photo and will produce some likewise swearing to the absolute truth of this act towards the flag, and submit all the data and facts to the Dies Committee for their attention. This we feel should be done in order to establish the act of high treason towards our Government. I am taking the matter up with the proper authorities Monday Am Aug 28th 1939. In order to give you the opportunity to bring this matter out in its true light, I have just cause to doubt the authenticity of the photo. But desiring to be fair in the matter towards all concerned, the duty of the publishers of your sheet, to AMERICA and THE True Blue Gentiles is a Congressional hearing in the matter. This will establish the fact of one of two things. That either your paper is used as a VOMITER and PUKER of hates and LIES or that these is Traitors in our nation who should be placed in prisons. I am not asking the permission of yourselves in this matter. But as a FREE BORN AMERICAN CITIZEN I am going to demand of the committee that your editors be summoned to appear before the committee. The doubt in my mind about the true facts covering that photo is as strong that I am going to take such measures with the proper authorities as necessary to establish the fact that all such bleed breeding hates papers should be denied the use of the mails. Until after the Dies Committee has all the true facts covering their utterances.

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continue until the Jewish bloods are around opportunities in America are  
broken down. Our own constitution does not permit a religious hatreds  
whatsoever. We are not concerned about a person worshipping a telegraph  
pole, barber pole or a totem pole. We are concerned and very much so  
about the Super State within a State existing in this nation likewise  
we are concerned about Jews bleeding alcohol fields of opportunity for them  
and as entry into same. While they persecute this system they are the ones  
who violates the Constitution of the United States by depriving the  
American Citizens of their rights in their pursuits of 1776 liberty and  
HAPPINESS. I assure you the Gentiles in this nation have no intentions of  
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April 17, 1941.

Matthew F. McGuire, Esq.,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McGuire:

I refer to your letter of April 10, 1941.

Regarding the statement in the Daily News of April 2, 1941, which you quote in your letter, I have ascertained that no Assistant of mine made any such statement to any member of the press.

At the time of Fehse's arraignment and sentence, in pursuance of your request that the proceedings be conducted with a minimum of publicity, my Assistant who is handling the case conferred privately with the Court and advised the Court of the need for secrecy. The Court, however, did address certain remarks to the defendant within the hearing of newspapermen which amplified somewhat the nature of the charge against the defendant. I do not recall that the Court stated anything on that occasion respecting the possible involvement of other persons.

It seems to me clearly that the excerpt which you quote in your letter constitutes a speculation on the part of the particular newspaperman, which is the natural result of the fact that the indictment was a conspiracy indictment and also of the general mystery surrounding the proceedings. I believe in our telephone conversation I pointed out to you that in my opinion the unusual handling of this matter which you requested would result in considerable such speculation on the part of the newspapers.

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*Paul Fehse*

*Matthew F. McGuire*  
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Matthew F. McGuire

April 17, 1941, p. 2

Since you are looking into the matter of leaks respecting Fehse's case, I perhaps should call your attention to the enclosed clipping from the New York Daily Mirror. This was called to my attention by the newspapermen who cover our building and who are quite indignant since it seems to them that the columnist referred to in the enclosed clipping has access to some source of news concerning the case which was barred to them. Instances such as this tend to have a most unfortunate effect upon the friendly relations which this office maintains with the newspapermen assigned to cover this building.

Sincerely,

MATHIAS F. CORREA  
United States Attorney

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April 10, 1941

# Walter Winchell *On Broadway*

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## *Inside Darkest America*

A short time ago we suspected the reason for the grounding of the liner Manhattan, sabotage. That was pooh-poohed in some newspapers... Last week the FBI collared a Nazi spy who admitted his guilt and was sent to prison within three hours. The spy's name is Paul Fehse, who had been working as a cook on the Manhattan! There have been many reports of Nazis and Communists holding key positions in our merchant marine. Yet some unions have been doing everything possible to protect them... But the jailing of this spy is another step the FBI has taken to smash an espionage ring divulging maritime information to the Nazis... It seems the nation now has another reason to be thankful for the FBI, whose initials are as important to the safety of democracy as RAF!

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April 19, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW J. MOGUIRE  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I have reviewed the contents of the letter addressed to you under date of April 17, 1941, by United States Attorney Correa of the Southern District of New York. I note that Mr. Correa suggests an inquiry to determine the source of the information appearing in Walter Winchell's column on April 10, 1941, concerning the Fehse case. In view of the fact that the New York Daily News on April 2, 1941, contained a rather complete statement concerning the Fehse case, which had been disposed of by sentence at that time, I fail to see what significance there is in Mr. Winchell's paragraph of April 10th.

In view of the inference in Mr. Correa's letter that there may be some irregularity as to the source of Mr. Winchell's information, I urge that you require Mr. Correa to subpoena Mr. Winchell before a grand jury for the purpose of interrogating him about the source of this information.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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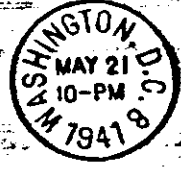
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 3, 1941, addressed  
to the Attorney General has been referred to this  
Bureau.

Please be advised that your views and  
observations pertaining to the internal security  
of the United States have been made a matter of  
record at this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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July 7, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

On July 7, 1941, I called the New York Office and spoke with SA Emerich referring to Walter Winchell's broadcast last evening. I requested that he immediately endeavor to obtain a copy of the publication referred to by Mr. Winchell as containing an expose of the connection between an American millionaire and the Nazi movement in Germany.

Mr. Emerich stated that he would afford this matter immediate attention.

Respectfully,

*R. P. Kramer*  
R. P. Kramer

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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The President of the United States,  
The White House,  
Washington.

Dear Mr. President:

Walter Winchell, self-styled journalist, recently closed a radio broadcast with this remark:

"One selectee is worth A whole handful of GOLF PLAYING OLD GENERALS." (referring to General Ben Lear.)

The freedom of the press is recognized, but such a remark as this incites disrespect amongst ye ung men entering the Army for superior officers and discipline, and it is recognized in America by now that one of the cardinal principles of Nazi propoganda is to create disrespect for authority in an "enemy" country, and it is taken that inasmuch as Winchell is, or claims to be, an officer in the armed forces of the United States (Naval Reserves) such remarks coming from him are highly comforting to the (Nazi) enemy, and it is sincerely hoped by the general public that said Winchell will receive a public reprimand for these and other apparently disloyal activities against the best interests of the United States in the emergency.

On July 12 there appeared in a local newspaper a column by Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, columnists, Washington, lauding J. Edgar Hoover, in part as follows:

" x x x nor will he (Hoover) investigate A NEWSPAPER MAN unless he has WRITTEN ORDERS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HIMSELF."

From time to time press items appear in local and national newspapers, inserted by local and national offices of the F.B.I. requesting citizens to report anything of a suspicious nature, without regard to race, creed or color, OCCUPATION, OR STATION.

The general public would therefore find it hard to understand why NEWSPAPER MEN (as such) would be exempted from suspicion, and if the Attorney General would clarify this point and cause it to be more clearly annunciated through the medium of the press, it would be of help in the National Emergency.

This communicant understands that a newspaper man himself to the aid and comfort of an enemy to the United States the same as can an oiler on a steamship or a manicufist shop.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Written solely in the interest of National Defense  
And with highest respects to the President and  
The Armed Forces of the United States

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The President of the United States,  
Washington.

Dear Mr. President:

During the so-called "hysteria" of the American public in 1939-1940, which developed that it was not hysteria at all, but merely a tryout of the Nazi-controlled press in America, when it became known that Fifth columnists were active in this country, Walter Winchell took a lead in denouncing the American public for its interest and upsurge of patriotism in that respect, referring to them (us) as "witch-hunters, alarmists, super-patriots, amateur detectives" and other "softening efforts."

Subsequently he came on the radio and hysterically announced he had "called up G Man Hoover at 2 AM to ask whether or not the BOMB SIGHT had been stolen and stated G Man Hoover told him he "knew nothing about it."

No other columnist or commentator nor newspaper writer mentioned this matter.

He subsequently stated that he knew the whereabouts of the Princess Hehenlee the three months previous to her capture, but he asked Why did G. Man Hoover wait so long to find her. He failed to state why he "Winchell" had not informed the FBI himself, knowing her whereabouts.

He recently stirred up a controversy IN HIS COLUMN about whether or not he had been asked to resign from the navy, and stated that the Secretary of the Navy had apologized to him for permitting this misinformation to get out.

Winchell now says he (Winchell) is going to spend his vacation in August "working around the Navy Yards."

In his broadcast tonight he said: G Man Hoover is going to fly to Hawaii ON HIS VACATION. WHY IS HE TAKING SO MANY HANDCUFFS?

It is considered this kind of activity on the part of Winchell in digging the tracks of the F.B.I. and making announcements in advance of their movements is lending aid to the enemy.

I respectfully request the President to give consideration to the matter of keeping this man out of the navy yards at this time.

Will the secretary reading this kindly acknowledge receipt. Yes sir, I might be considered unduly suspicious, if possible for mails to be tampered with.

With greatest respect, yours truly,

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- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trow \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I called SA Emerich with reference to my call on July 7, 1941, requesting that he obtain a copy of the publication referred to in Walter Winchell's broadcast last Sunday.

Mr. Emerich stated that arrangements were being made to obtain this publication and that it would be forwarded to the Bureau tomorrow.

Respectfully,

*R. P. Kramer*

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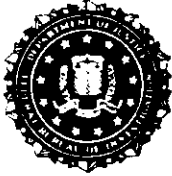
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SAC McKee of the Washington Field Office telephoned to advise, in connection with the perusal of the records of ██████████ that they had come across a file containing information relative to Walter Winchell, and his association with Vincent Coll; and that this information made some reference to you.

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McKee asked if this material should be photostated, pointing out that it was delivered to the agents with all the other material in ██████████ files and therefore the photostating of it would not excite any suspicion whatever. I told him in that event to make photostats and submit them for the Bureau's information. The material is attached.

It consists of a memorandum entitled "Calling Walter Winchell Again", another entitled "That Dreadful Winchell Man", and various clippings from newspapers, Congressional records, et cetera. The only mention I find of your name is in a clipping from "Social Justice" for December 2, 1940, which is the first of the attached photostats.

Respectfully,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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FROM: THE DENVER POST

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1939

# HEATER

## WINCHELL IS GIVEN MEDAL FOR CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICANISM

Arlington, Va., March 16.—(I. N. S.)—Walker Winchell, noted columnist and radio commentator, Wednesday night received a gold medal from Arlington post 139, American Legion, in recognition of his contributions to Americanism.

Before a crowd that packed the auditorium of Washington-Lee high school auditorium, Capt. Walter E. Holmes of the post's guard of honor pinned the medal on the coat lapel of the writer-speaker.

Obviously moved Winchell said it was highly gratifying "to have my work receive the approval of former soldiers in arms," and sounded an appeal to "living men" to support "living democracies."

"I believe," he said, "that in these critical times our leaders are justified in turning to the American Legion when its time may come to upon us when its fighting men will again be the bulwark of America."

At the Arlington presentation, William Moseley Brown, member of the legion post and past grand commander of Virginia Masons, preceding Winchell, denounced subversive "gangs" in this country, and warned that the "U.S.C." is not far distant when they will present a serious threat to our form of government."

4/7/39 THE ATLANTA GEORGIAN

## Patriotism Medal Given Winchell

BOSTON, April 7.—Walker Winchell, newspaper columnist, has been awarded the "Advocate Carnation" for outstanding contributions to a greater appreciation of democracy, the Jewish Advocate of Boston, America's largest English printed Jewish newspaper, will say tomorrow. Winchell is the third Hearst newspaper notable to receive this honor.

The citation accompanying the award, symbols of public recognition for service to the community, will say:

"On the occasion of his forty-second birthday, occurring today, Walker Winchell, columnist, is awarded the Advocate Carnation in recognition of his outstanding contributions, in his own way, to a greater appreciation of democracy and understanding of the needs of our type of government.

"Read by millions of avid followers each day, Winchell's column has had an opportunity everywhere to stress the highest

ideals of patriotism, and has at all times carried a powerful influence in behalf of the oppressed and persecuted.

"The frequent appeal for aid in behalf of unfortunate and forgotten individuals have re-



WALTER WINCHELL

sisted in restoring life and hope to many who were on the verge of yielding both."

Others who have received the "Carnation" are William Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of the Boston Arch Diocese; Eddie Cantor, of the screen stage and radio; Joseph V. Connolly, general manager of Hearst Newspapers; Arturo Tasciani, famed conductor; former United States Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis; John A. Malloy of the Hearst Newspapers' general management; and Rabin Stephen S. Wis. of New York.

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# The New Yorker

By Leonard Lyons

**SAM BEHRMAN**, the playwright, went to a hospital for observation. Saturday he received a phone call from John Wharton, attorney for the Playwrights. "My children are in the community," Wharton began, "my wife is working in her office and I didn't feel too well, so I decided not to work today. May I come up and visit you?"

"Of course," said Behrman, "come up" . . . The attorney went to the hospital, and finally was ushered, by a private nurse, into the playwright's room. He looked around for a chair—but found none . . . "Oh, nurse," Behrman obligingly instructed, "another bed—and an extra nurse."



**BEATRICE LILLE** called yesterday, informing me that her long-delayed trip to America is on again . . . Because some political organizations have purchased radio time for election day, the law officials have not determined whether this is legal—because obstructing is banned within 100 feet of the polling place, and the possession of a radio within that area might constitute a violation . . . LeGardis, who is a real tall, asked the 6 foot 7 Robert E. Sherwood to campaign with him, but Sherwood couldn't—busy with other campaign work . . . The first musical comedy about communism was finished last week by Eddie Davis, author of Al Jolson's new show. Davis brought the script back to Broadway yesterday.

**BEFORE OSCAR LEVANT** broadcast with Alexander Woolcott last night Alec rehearsed the scenes between the completion of his script and Levant's follow-up . . . "I want you to count to three after I finish," Woolcott instructed, "and then you do your turn. A three-second pause is dramatic. . . . Just count to three!" . . . "When I started with *Outpost*," Levant protested, "the talk me to count only to two" . . . Woolcott retorted three seconds before answering, and then said, "That's because *Outpost* here you go—don't count to three."

**LEVANT WENT** to Lindy's, after the broadcast. There a young lady presented a C. Alar bill and asked Oscar to autograph it . . . "Sorry. It's against the law, but I'll autograph a piece of paper for you," said Oscar—who has no illusions about the immortality of fame on Broadway. "Besides, two weeks from now you'll find it'll be cheaper to throw the piece of paper away."

**THE HERALD TRIBUNE** declined to publish the two-line front page of which the New York Times printed yesterday morning—the and reading "Y. B. E. Hays, restricting new Water Wharves—Adv." . . . The *World's Fair* closed just in time to fit in the Hall of Manic . . . to be cancelled. That place, where "Streets of Paris" was shown last night at the Hammer Lush, became tired of the dozens of people who approached his table to ask for what he is selling. Finally finally offered a lady sign on the back of the show, reading "I'm voting for the winner" . . . Graham, the French composer, who will be 25 on December 2, has just word that he's now writing something camp for the . . .

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## Walter Winchell Branded As An Enemy Of Christianity

*Prophecy* *Jan 1941*  
Christians who recently attended a convention in Denver think other Christians ought to be informed as to just who Walter Winchell really is. Outwardly, he is the writer of a syndicated column that appears in many American newspapers. He also conducts a weekly radio broadcast over a number of stations of the National Broadcasting Company.

Inwardly, he is branded as an enemy of Christianity. He is charged to have used his column and broadcasts as a medium for venomous attacks upon the Christian religion, thus showing his anti-Christian tendencies. Winchell, being of Jewish nationality, does the

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### THE PROPHETIC TIME

#### Walter Winchell

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Jewish cause much harm in the United States. These are days when the Jew needs friends among Christian Americans. Unless leaders of his own race stop him from his attacks upon the religion of others, he will make many enemies for the Jews in a world that is already causing them so small amount of trouble.

Winchell became a little bolder than usual in his anti-Christian attitude on Sunday, December 28th, 1940. He attacked the National Prophecy and Prayer Fellowship conference that met in Denver, Colorado, at that time.

It has come to a pretty pass when a group of Christian Americans can't call a religious meeting without being attacked by an anti-Christ like Walter Winchell. The slogan of the conference was "Christ For the Present Crisis." Understand we do not hold his godly act against the thousands of decent Jews in America.

Winchell is virtually accused of appointing himself as the chief censor of the Christian religion in America. So stirred were the Christians gathered in Denver at the conference at the anti-Christian tactics of this man Winchell, that people shouted aloud their disapproval. One man was heard to cry out, "Well, I don't have to buy the products of any Company that sponsors Walter Winchell's radio program." There is still talk about starting a campaign among Christians all over the nation, asking them to refuse to buy the products of any firm that sponsors this "enemy of Christianity" on the air.

In this time of strife, when we so badly need peace and harmony in the United States, a man like Walter Winchell doesn't help any to bring the various groups and needs to a better understanding. It is time the government take this "hot-head" under control before he has time to spread his gospel of hate any further.

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# WALTER WINCHELL on Broadway

The New York Evening Post

**The First Night:** Robert E. Sherwood set the first night to shivering in their crumpled Monday night with his "There Shall Be No Night." This tells how the Reds and Nazis are men plundered and butchered in this Finland, but it also tells too many of us that the fiercest enemy of the world is industry. The Nazis play the leads like gods, and the attraction got their four stars or 100 per cent of the playrights. It is a new one. It stands Friday night, the title of it "Love's Old Sweet Song" by Huxton and Jennie Rayce. It gives a lift to his words. "But," said John Anderson, "the latest play must rank over his admirers' praise. . . . It is, I suspect, a verbal lunacy in which the author, intoxicated by the sound of his own words, swings on imaginary trapezes and falls flat on his face. . . . That's practically taking the words right out of our affidavits of the last time. "Grey Farm," another addition to the spring murder program, arrived Friday. It was authored by two Englishmen, Turrence Rattigan and Hector Smithe, with a London stranger, Oscar Homolka, the center of a homicide. . . . Brock Pemberton gave the gun to "Out From Under" last night. Now it did will be reported a week from today.

**The Magic Lanterns Business** is so brisk in the picture houses that even some of the "B's" are lapping over into a second week. "Rebecca" plays its sixth at the Music Hall. "Star Dust" a pleasant fable of the movie lot, is all about the talent scouts, and what sacrifices they make to find youngsters who don't know anything about acting. Linda Darrow is pretty and fresh in it. "Saturday Children" is an entertaining ruse of Maxwell Anderson's stage play John Gay's and Anne Shirley are a nice Mr and Mrs. who make a bar out of it. . . . "You said two can live as cheaply as one." "Charlie Chan's Murder Cruise" is another helping of the Chinese sleuth. . . . Sydney Toler three in a Saturday guess-who stuff. . . . Laurel and Hardy romp through the gamut of double takes and waltz fall in "Sage and Je." Boris Karloff is a prowl with his

line of success in "The Man With Nine Lives." It's a thriller who can give out with from sleep—as what happened on 17 . . . London refuse to spring 50 cents for "Come With the Wind" and Mr. Zerk's music may have to join Hitler in trying to run the blockade.

**The Wholes:** Gershwin's radio monkey, are out of rhythm. One broadcast a houry that the Allies were getting out of Norway. Then along comes one of the hired cry-babies to howl that the British and French are intensifying things there. The Russian had picked up even when things are good. . . . St. Smith, who provides over the "Where Are You From" show, is sweet talking. Give him your account and he'll tell you if you're from Parkersbury or Palo Alto. . . . Roma. . . . He used to find money for Whitman's hands have

own show now—ably. Tuppence Jimmy Skelton is a helpful associate. . . . Tim "Something Something American Baby" that Buddy Clark peeled off on the "P. of Happiness" character was uphill going. Too bad, because usually the songs of that hour are better than good. . . . Crosby got hold of one tailored to his larynx in "When April Plays the Fiddle." You'll be sucking it before long, so sure is it of popularity. . . . The other night the harrier presenting Marie Perle Claire peddled his customary "Now we present, etc." and then as if reading from the script tacked on: "You look lovely to-night, Marion." Almost sounded as if he had a gun held to his head. . . . These some commercials kidded off the networks over so long ago are having a revival—still full of bad sales talk and corn.

**The Story Teller:** Alice Roomer Longworth, snap-boxing for Amato, Taft in Ben Franklin's Weekly, says she's for him because "I do not yearn any longer for the man who is always on his toes, waving his hat, raising his voice, 'rarin' to go here, there, anywhere." But as Shaw said about something else, Alice, who are you against so many? Paul Gallico has a new novel on his Elmer Holiday reporter here beginning in the current Cosmopolitan. Paul Lorenia, who has shown Hollywood he can make movies with the best of them, still practices his fine art of writing in McCall's. Trying to prove producers can write? . . . You got a new slant on "that gay Paris" in Fortune. It re-produces a spread of paintings

which show there is plenty of war on the Rhine, even if the Boche haven't got their pet. Never saw so many lone travelers. . . . Paul Edward Blair explains, in Musical Folia, the difference between the old man and today's hot man which, of course, has been pumping you. Today's, you might as well know, makes "more" frequent use of the tempo retards. . . . and differs in its more intense valuation of the polyrhythms of both the section and solo parts of the orchestra. . . . Not to mention "the more rational use of dissonance and polytonal harmonies." Thank the man.

**4th Front Page:** The World fully rates a high for Thomas L. Stocker's exposé on the Klan which was broken up once before by the effort of that daily's blood kin, the old Morning World. . . . Another stab at the Klans could be delivered by the Pulitzer brothers, with the prize to Harold Richard Wright's "Sinner, Sinner Man." . . . The weirdest bit of war hysteria can be charged to Rome's Regime Fascist. It accuses the Observator Roma, organ of the Vatican, of being directed by Jews! . . . And the Morning paper's fatherly regard for the "workers" (exclusive of those they murdered in Finland) in the May Day editorial is so ridiculous that they really should hold their Red celebrations on a more suitable day—say, April 1.

**The Headlines:** Said Jeanette MacDonald: "Autograph hounds aren't any bother. . . . If you're a nobody, Loretta Young's quote: "Years ago press agents could persuade actors and actresses to say the silliest things. . . . How times do change." Jean Parker's remarkable remark: "I married my ex-husband because I loved him."

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**THE BEACON LIGHT—February, 1941**

Don't kid yourself or be kidded, there is no such thing as a partial war. If you are at war, you are at war to the limit.

**TO RE-CONQUER EUROPE** American Infantrymen must be shipped to the scene of war. Every soldier knows that! The Chief of Staff of the United States Army has said, "But, wherever it (war) may start, always, anywhere, it ends on the ground with an army corps. You will decide it on the ground and you will probably have to occupy that ground." (S. Doc. 274, 76th Congress, 3rd Session, Page 123.)

**IF YOU DO NOT WANT WAR—SAY SO AND SAY IT NOW!** Overwhelm your Senators and Congressmen with protests against further breaches of neutrality that lead to war. Let us have billions for defense but not a nickel for intervention.

The Senate and House are still in session, everybody can buy a stamp.

...dent, American Coalition.

*Walter Winchell*

The Catholic Review, official organ of the archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington, has a line or two on the peep-hole spook entitled "The Same Old Walter Winchell."

It reads as follows:

"We reprint the last sentence published in Walter Winchell's column in the New York Mirror of last Friday:

"Wonderful Harry Dalton, an Irish Catholic lad, who helps erase the stink of the town—by going around breaking Nazi noses."

"For Mr. Winchell's benefit, let us say that neither the Catholic Church nor the Irish see anything wonderful in a man who breaks the law and commits assault and battery. Men who go about breaking Nazi noses or any other noses should be put in jail instead of being lauded by Walter Winchell.

If Mr. Winchell would only mind his own business, something his column indicates is constitutionally difficult for him, he would not be so much of a nuisance in the opinion of so many law-abiding Americans. These Americans believe in law and order and fair play.

"Catholics, including Irish Catholics, believe in law and order as ardently as they hate Peeping Toms and persons who put their metaphorical ears at metaphorical keyholes so that they may publish the innermost secrets of others to the world.

"There are some who believe that not only is Walter Winchell not

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content to bring sorrow to the living, but they knew he does not even respect the memory of the dead.

"It will be recalled that when the members of the Christian Front were arrested, Mr. Winchell assumed to presume the men guilty before they were even tried. If Mr. Winchell were to try any such things within the jurisdictions of the courts in Baltimore he would be held for contempt of court. If he does not believe so, just let him undertake to pronounce opinions in this locality before the courts undertake to pronounce a man innocent or guilty. He will find that courts in Baltimore are different from courts in Greater New York, Flemington, N. J., and some other places.

"Members of the so-called Christian Front whom Mr. Winchell assumed to pre-judge guilty were released. But evidently they had no means of entering suit against Mr. Winchell and getting satisfaction for his attacks on them.

"Such a situation was bad enough, but one of the men whom Mr. Winchell pre-judged committed suicide. The poor unfortunate had no job to go back to, his people were poor and were hard put to raise money for his defense. The man became distraught and in such a condition shot and killed himself, even before he was cross-examined; even, we believe, before he testified.

"Did Mr. Winchell have any sympathy for the man or for his parents? He did not. He wrote: 'The right man shot himself.' If you know anything more brutal, more callous in the way of journalism, we do not.

"You cannot be sued for slandering a dead man and dead men tell no tales.

"Some years ago Walter Winchell be-smearred the memory of Saint Joan of Arc, one who had been raised to the altar at canonization ceremonies by the Sovereign Pontiff in Rome.

"Mr. Winchell's evaluation of Saint Joan of Arc was an insulting, untrue one. Patrick Scanlon, managing editor of the Brooklyn Tablet demanded an apology and retraction.

"Instead of trying to right the wrong, instead of apologizing, Mr. Winchell did everything, within his power to evade an apology. He sneered at Mr. Scanlon and attempted to belittle him.

"Walter Winchell was dealing with the wrong man. Mr. Scanlon does not go around breaking noses, even if the noses of mole gossips are more deadly than the female, but he stuck to his demands. As long as Mr. Winchell had to apologize!

"Such is Mr. Winchell.



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Mr. Winchell's last sentence in last Friday's column in the New York Mirror. This Jewish friend expressed the opinion that Mr. Winchell by his writings, was doing more to embarrass members of the Jewish race than the most hardened anti-Semite in this country.

"Thus it appears that in insulting Catholics and the Irish and the others, Walter Winchell is doing a disfavor to members of his own race. We have said this before to members of his race who do not think as he does and who frown upon his tactics.

"Fortunately, the offending sentence to which we have alluded did not appear in all the papers subscribing to Mr. Winchell's columns.

"There are publishers and editors who have higher standards of journalistic ethics"—Social Justice

### Walter Winchell Attacks National Prophecy and Prayer Conference — By Harvey H. Springer

Walter Winchell of New York City writes a syndicated column for American newspapers. He also conducts a weekly broadcast over twenty-two stations of the National Broadcasting company.

Winchell is known as the "keyhole" reporter. He engages in the type of yellow journalism that is repulsive to Christian people. His column and broadcasts are often mediums for venomous attacks upon religious leaders.

He became bolder in his anti-Christian attitude Sunday, December 8, when he attacked the National Prophecy and Prayer Fellowship Conference. The slogan of the Conference is "Christ for the Present Crisis."

In a weasel-worded "flash" over his chain broadcast, he sought to disseminate false and vicious implications regarding the constructive work done for the Lord Jesus Christ in our October conference at Chicago.

On the afternoon of December 8, the National Prophecy and Prayer Conference went on the air through the facilities of a special coast-to-coast hookup, the point of origin being the Englewood Baptist Tabernacle.

The broadcast defended Christian Americanism, emphasized the supernaturalness of fundamental Christianity, and contained a penetrating appeal for men and women to accept Christ as Saviour. Apparently aroused to anger by this Christian appeal, addressed to mil-

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thousands of Americans across the continent, Walter Winchell five hours later, approximately 2000 miles away, launched his vicious tirade. We wonder if he revised his script at the last moment to bring a smear attack upon the Cause of Christ.

Winchell remarked that the Chicago meeting "folded up" because of its subversive character, after the Dies committee had sent representatives there. The Western meeting of the National Prophecy and Prayer Conference was in session at Denver the very moment he made his broadcast. His alleged "news flash" simply did not contain the least shadow of substance of truth.

When we think of this kind of deceit, smear attacks and yellow journalism, we are reminded of Jeremiah 9:6, "And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity."

Moved by this unprovoked assault, Conference leaders decided to lodge a vigorous protest with the National Broadcasting company. On December 12, 1940, the following telegram was sent to Mr. Niles Trammell, president of the company:

"The National Prophecy and Prayer Conference meeting in official session at Denver, Colorado, protests against false and vicious implications released through facilities of your company by Walter Winchell the evening of December 8, 1940, and request suitable retraction. Leaders of our organization represent a constituency of Christian and patriotic Americans numbering into the millions. These people through their leaders are justified in resenting this unwarranted attack in said broadcast."

The telegram of protest was signed by twenty-nine outstanding Christian leaders, including Dr. Oliver E. Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dr. W. T. Watson, Tampa, Fla., Dr. W. B. Riley, Minneapolis, Minn., Dr. Sam Swain, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. A. J. Bard, Seattle, Wash., Dr. W. D. Herrstrom, Minneapolis, Minn., Dr. Louis R. Patmont, Berkeley, Calif., Elizabeth Dilling, Chicago, Ill., Rev. Harold W. Nelson, Chicago, Ill., Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, Wichita, Kans., Dr. Willard H. Pope, Portland, Ore., Dr. Mel Morris, Springfield, Mo., Rev. George D. Blomgren, Chicago, Ill., Dr. R. A. Forrest, Toccoa Falls, Ga., Dr. E. F. Webber, Oklahoma City, Okla., Mr. Edward Fehr, Topeka, Kans., Dr. Sam Morris, Del Rio, Texas, Mr. C. B. Hedstrom, Chicago, Ill., Dr. Kenneth Cornwell, Florence, S. Car., Dr. French E. Oliver, Colorado Springs, Colo., Rev. William G. Studer, Chicago, Ill., Dr. Gordon C. Davis, Binghamton, New York, Rev. Harry D. Clarke, Sioux City, Iowa, Rev. Clarence Erickson, Chicago, Ill., Rev. Arthur Pain, Palat-

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la, Fla., Dr. E. J. Rollings, Detroit, Mich., Rev. Harry Hodge, Beaumont, Texas, Rev. Billy Opie, Franklin Grove, Ill., and Rev. Harvey D. Springer, Denver, Colorado.

It seems that Walter Winchell has appointed himself head of the Department of Censorship in the United States. He apparently believes himself to be the Goebbels of America. It is this gentleman, with air of omnipotence, who decides whether or not a citizen is a patriot. And those who displease this self-appointed autocrat, he sets out to smear with hate, venom and innuendo.

It is not difficult to understand his attitude toward Christian effort, when one considers the type of people with whom he associates. It has been only a matter of a few months that Winchell was writing such glowing praises as "orchids to John L. Spivak." At that time he spent enormous sums in personal endorsement of Spivak's Moscow slush.

Of course, it is no secret that Spivak is the leading writer of Communist propaganda in the United States. He writes regularly in the "Communist Daily Worker" and several other official red magazines and newspapers. On March 1, 1939, Congressman Shafer of Michigan declared: "John L. Spivak is a writer for the Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party in America. He is notorious for his attacks on all patriotic societies. He is a member of the Communist Party."

Conceiving it his "patriotic duty," Walter Winchell sent every Senator and Representative at Washington a copy of Spivak's thoroughly discredited book, "Secret Armies."

An investigator for the Dies Committee, Edward F. Sullivan, claims to have been libeled in the Spivak book. On March 26, 1940, Sullivan had the red leader arrested in Pittsburgh, Pa., and a \$5000 bond was posted. The case is now pending in court.

The Spivak-Winchell type of yellow journalism is headed for oblivion! Public opinion—more powerful than any "keyhole" column or alleged "news" broadcast—against the abuse of free press and speech to recklessly purvey anti-Christian toxin in the name of chameleon patriotism is swiftly gathering momentum. An awakening is on in America, a rebirth of old-fashioned Christian patriotism is taking place, and the time is not far distant when anti-Christ propaganda will be replaced by the work of men and women possessing journalistic integrity.

SPREAD AN OLD FRIEND

"Just finished reading January 1941 Beacon Light. I think it is one of the best numbers you have put out. Enclosed find \$2.00 for 6 months renewal and 5 copies of the January number."

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**UNION SUES WINDHILL**

Maritime Body Sues \$1,000,000

A suit for \$1,000,000 damages against Walter Windhill, columnist of The Daily Mirror and radio commentator, was filed in the Supreme Court yesterday by the National Maritime Union.

The action is the first of its kind declared it had been filed by Mr. Windhill in a broadcast June 9 and in his column next day. The publication said it objected to Mr. Windhill's statement that "supercargo" members of the union were Communist and "had money and every cent for sabotage payment."

The complaint also charged that Mr. Windhill had exposed the union "to public contempt" and that his words were intended "to induce an evil opinion of them (the members) in the minds of right-thinking persons and to injure them in their occupations and business."

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# Winchell Peace Plea Printed in Congress Record

Special to The Georgian  
WASHINGTON, April 20.—A plea by Walter Winchell, New York columnist, to keep America out of European entanglements was printed in the Congressional Record yesterday at the joint request of Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas and Representative Roy O. Woodruff of Michigan.

In introducing his motion to read Mr. Winchell's remarks into the record, Senator Capper said:

"The brilliant commentator Walter Winchell has an editorial paragraph on our international problems in a recent issue of The New York Mirror which I think will meet the universal approval of the American people."

These are the Winchell remarks quoted in the record:  
"Once again Europe is rolling the loaded dice of destiny. Once again her miserable diplomats are pointing down the one-way street to war, as the only avenue to peace. And once again America is asked to play her role of the great international sucker."

"The time has come for us to pause and consider. If we must have another unknown soldier, let us not ask him to die for an unknown reason. And just what will be accomplished by dying in the mud? He will not increase America's resources; the last war nearly ruined the great plains. He will not increase America's wealth. In the last war we loaned our gold and were gold-bricked in return. He will not increase our liberties, for no man may protest slaughter after it starts."

"The truth is that external disaster never solved internal trouble. We must develop our youth, not sacrifice it. America must learn that her sons abroad will bring monuments to her glory, but her sons at home are a monument to America's common sense. The future of American youth is on top of American soil, not underneath European dirt."

Police report today  
Winchell's plea  
Supreme Court Justice Peter  
Schauack dismissed yesterday an  
action against the Radio Corporation of  
America, the National Broadcasting  
Company and the Andrew Jergens  
Company a \$1,000,000 libel suit  
brought by Joseph Curran, president  
of the National Maritime  
Union of America, because of re-  
marks allegedly made by Walter  
Winchell in a broadcast on June 9.  
The court said the language used in  
the broadcast was not specified by  
the plaintiff. Justice Schauack re-  
fused to dismiss the suit as against  
Mr. Winchell and The Daily Mir-  
ror Inc. for statements made in  
Mr. Winchell's column on June 10.

Miss Nick Montana has been re-  
moved from his Pickers Island  
cell to the luncheon house at Mat-  
tawan? . . . . . Clara Griffin,  
estranged from her husband, is  
rehearsing something or other  
with Teddy Powell, the arch-  
tra leader . . . . . A Central Park  
West apartment house (in the  
lower 60s) and the G-Men are  
hunting an accidentally dis-  
covered bomb plot. A gal is sus-  
pected . . . . . Ambassador Kennedy  
is booked for a Clipper hop in  
two weeks . . . . . Wonder why the  
papers didn't mention (and we  
read almost every story in them)  
that police raid on a W. 62nd  
Street sewing house? Is it to be

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(The Night Club Era, by Stanley Walker, pp. 122-20)

WHAT "DREADFUL" WINCHELL MAN

Walter Winchell came to journalism pop-eyed with wonderment. He was, and still is, possessed of an almost maniacal curiosity. This astonishingly alert, electrically nervous little man has become, in the space of a few years, the most discussed, and in some respects the most important, newspaper man in New York. When he started his column on Bernard Macfadden's old GRAPHIC the wise men said he had invented a fad which couldn't possibly last more than two or three years; now his income is comparable to Arthur Brisbane's, and at breakfast his comments are read, by many, with the same eagerness with which others, tortured by the dreary afflictions of human society, reach for Walter Lippmann.

The secret of Winchell is that he is interested more in people than in ideas. As a newspaper formula this is far from new; indeed, it always has been the basis of the society "Personal" column and the jottings of the wool hat correspondent from Frog Hollow. Winchell applied the formula to New York, and more especially to that fabled, sinful street, Broadway.

Winchell did much for journalism, for which journalism has been slow to thank him. He helped to change the dreary, ponderous impersonality which was pervading the whole press. He newspapers today print twice, or ten times, as many items about people - what they are like, what their cretchats are, what they eat and drink and wear - as they did ten years ago! Some of the credit belongs to Winchell. The man also fathered a crop of inferior tattlers.

There were other great columns, set on a different pattern. The late Bert Loston Taylor, Franklin P. Adams, Don Marquis, Christopher Morley, H. I. Phillips - all these, with aphorisms, puns, poetry, urbane comment on the news and occasional philosophic disquisitions, were in the accepted tradition. It took Winchell to prove once more that people are interested in people and that facts, even trivial facts, have an irresistible fascination. Monastic fellows, most of the old line columnists, and for all their charm and erudition they weren't reporters. Winchell, put to the task of writing about Broadway, went out every night to see what Broadway was like.

This little man (he is a springy, smooth, good-looking chap, not yet forty, with prematurely gray hair) has been demoted from the Battery to the Golden Gate. Men have boasted that if they ever saw him they would punch him in the snoot, but few ever did. His slang was denounced as vulgar, as corrupting the speech. He was called egotistical, and his doings were set down as being in very bad taste. He has been accused of prying, of retailing low gossip, of printing information which might just as well have been kept hidden. To all this he seldom, if ever, made any defense.

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His code, such as it is, is simple enough - he tries to get the news first, he protects his sources, and he never knowingly prints anything that might wreck a happily married home life. This last is to say that Winchell keeps quiet when he observes a married man or woman dallying with a person of the opposite sex in a night club, when he has reason to believe that the publication of such hot news might cause trouble at home.

Winchell writes of all sorts of people - bankers, politicians and playboys, but principally his news concerns the heroes and the villains of the theater, the motion picture, the radio and the night clubs. Few of these people resent invasions of what old-fashioned folks might call their privacy; even his announcements that a baby (or, as occurred in one instance at least, twins) was to be expected have seldom caused the persons involved more than temporary embarrassment. Indeed, it has been Winchell's experience that the majority are delighted to appear in his column.

He gets his news from a million sources. He accepts invitations to entertainments, and sometimes the host is so grateful to Winchell for coming that he tells Winchell a piece of news, worth only a paragraph to him, which in a few days will be all over the front pages. People buttonhole him on the street, waylay him in night clubs and restaurants, call him on the telephone frantically, to supply him with the stuff, some of it utterly inconsequential but interesting, which makes up his column.

Why do they do it? Not always because they are friends of his, though he is generally well liked on Broadway. Usually the motive is rooted in exhibitionism; the man who supplies Winchell with an item is warmed to his fingertips when he sees the item in print a day or two later. It makes him a member of the inner circle of gossips, a wise guy in the know, and increases his feeling of self-importance.

Will his vegas last? Of course it will - it or something very much like it - as long as there are people who are interested in the cruelties and kindnesses and follies of their neighbors.

Winchell brought to his job the perfect equipment - great energy, an eager desire to know what was going on, a lack of conventional breeding and experience, a mind delightfully free of book learning, and an unquenchable desire to be a newspaper man. If his background had been different, he would have been so befuddled by canons of what some people call good taste that he would have revolted at some of his best stuff. If he had been better educated (he never got beyond the sixth grade) he might have been dull. As it was, everything he saw was news to him, a circumstance which accounts for his column, which runs about once a week, entitled: "Things I Never Knew Till Now."

It was a gain for journalism that Winchell, when he started writing, didn't know the difference between "who" and "whom", a distinction which is not always clear even at this late day. He had been writing for years before he learned who Aristophanes was.

He was always stage-struck and still is. He knew Eddie Cantor and George Jessel when they were children together. He quit school to be a singing waiter in a motion picture house in Harlem, keeping crowds out of the aisles, collecting late checks and sometimes singing songs during intermissions. In 1910 he joined Gus



Edward's Newsboys' Sextette, traveling all over the country. Later he was manager of a company of eight, all older than himself, and then he had his own song and dance act with a partner. During the war he enlisted in the Navy and was for a time confidential secretary to an admiral.

After the war he went back into vaudeville. He was a fair song and dance man, but he had a terrific urge to be a newspaper man. He got out the DAILY NEWS NEWSK, consisting of several sheets of typewritten paper, which he would tack up beside the mail-box in every theater in which he appeared. It contained intimate information about other actors on the bill and personalities connected with the theater. It became popular; managers liked it and local newspapers quoted from it. Occasionally he would send a random column to BILLBOARDS, which was headed "Stage Gossip". As far back as 1920 there appeared such items as these, in which the germ of the later Winchell style may be clearly discerned:

"According to another trade paper, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jackson were blessed with a boy on January 25, at Portland, Me. On another page Mr. and Mrs. J. were blessed with a boy January 25, at Portland, Ore. Some leap. And whose airplane did the proud parents use? Mother and child are doing fine. Congratulations!"

"Most actors are married, and live scrappily ever after."

"Did you ever notice the little brass tablet on the door in the room of your hotel which reads: 'Stop! Have you left anything?' Apropos of the H. C. of L. it should read: 'Stop! Have you anything left?'"

"Seen outside of Cleveland movie theater: 'Geraldine Farrar supported for the first time by her husband.'"

"In New York recently the snow tied up traffic severely. A gang hired to remove same struck at the crucial moment, carrying banners which read: 'You took away our car, now take away the snow.'"

"A certain actress was left a fortune for being kind to a newspaper man. Moral: Be nice to column writers."

Gleason Condon, then editor of the NEW YORK VAUDEVILLE NEWS, saw some of Winchell's early stuff and liked it. Winchell had saved \$1,500 from his \$100-a-week salary as a hoofer, and he went to work for Condon at \$25 a week for a trial period of six months. At the end of six months he was getting \$50 a week; he was allowed 20 per cent on advertising, and soon his total income was greater than Condon's. Winchell credits Condon's tolerance and patience with being responsible for starting him on the way. In 1924 Fulton Oursler was organizing the GRAPHIC, an afternoon tabloid, for Macfadden, and Winchell asked his friend, Norman Tracyott, who knew Oursler, to speak for him, with the result that Winchell got the job as Broadway columnist.

For all his peppy manner, Winchell during these first few months suffered from stage fright. He had never been a "regular" newspaper man, his paper was hardly what might be called a pillar of respectability and dignity, and he worked

with a wild frenzy. He had gone to the GRAPHIC for \$100 a week, and four years later his salary was \$300 a week. Then he went to the MIRROR, a new morning tabloid. The GRAPHIC soon died, and on the new paper Winchell became famous. His contract with the MIRROR calls for a flat salary of \$1,000 a week. His profits from syndication of his column (papers all over the country take it despite the fact that it deals principally with people about whom few out-of-town readers have ever heard) vary from \$250 to \$400 a week. When busy, he is sure of at least \$2,000 a week from the radio. He makes a motion picture short once a month for which he gets \$5,500. The MIRROR contract runs until October, 1935.

Winchell's headquarters are wherever he wants to make them. In New York he has an apartment at the Park Central hotel. Sometimes he goes to Florida and Hollywood. He was in Miami Beach the night that kangaro attempted to kill President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and by luck, speed and ingenuity he was the first newspaper man to interview the assassin - a feat which caused Damon Runyon, the veteran reporter, to write a column in praise of Winchell, of which he is inordinately proud.

He stays up all night, and from sundown until dawn he may visit as many as a dozen places - theaters, restaurants, night clubs, private homes. He has been called bad names - scandalmonger, Little Boy Peep, the man at the keyhole, and the Peeping Tom of Journalism - but he is always a welcome guest and he probably has a more diverse acquaintance than any man in New York.

Wherever he goes there is an undercurrent of whispering. Dinners in a restaurant may raise their heads here and there when a notable like Al Smith, Jack Dempsey, Primo Carnara or Jimmy Walker comes in, but the commotion aroused by the presence of these great men is a mere ripple compared with the sly pointings and head-noddings that fill the place when Winchell strides to his table. Does he like this attention? It is certain, of course; vaudeville actors, as well as other people, crave attention even if they are dodging at the grave. Winchell's manner is that of the stage reporter.

The man has made a few mistakes. He has printed erroneous information, and many minor inaccuracies have crept into his accounts, but usually he is right, uncannily right. His informants seldom lie to him. One morning, or, rather, during the evening before when the newsboys were selling the first edition of the MIRROR, there came a test of his accuracy. His column contained this statement:

"Five planes brought dozens of machine guns from Chicago Friday to combat The Town's Capons. . . . Local handitti have made one hotel a virtual arsenal and several hot-spots are ditte because Master Goll is giving them the headache. . . . One of the better Robin Hood's has a private phone in his call. . . . That"

Those who read the early papers thought that sounded reasonable enough, although probably exaggerated, for it was well known that Goll, known as the Mad Dog, was in extremely bad odor with that faction of the underworld which frowned upon unnecessary violence. And Goll, a born killer and occasional kidnaper, had not been tamed.

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At one o'clock that February morning Vincent Cell appeared from nowhere, walked into a drugstore in the Chelsea district and entered a telephone booth. He was having some difficulty with his cell; indeed, it is said that, suspicious of the delay, he shouted to someone on the other end of the wire, "What the hell are you trying to do? Put me on the spot?" He didn't have much longer to wait. An automobile drew up to the curb and some men got out. One of them walked straight to the telephone booth and sprayed it, up and down and across, with machine-gun bullets. Cell toppled out, dead, and the killers went away from there.

The police, secretly, and most of the people of New York regarded the manner of the passing of Vincent Cell as natural and proper, and were not disposed to ask questions. But the District Attorney took Winchell before the Grand Jury, where the young man lost a lot of weight, but, apparently, he protected the source of his information, whatever that source might have been. There was talk of threats by letter and telephone for disclosing underworld secrets, and for a time Winchell went around with a bodyguard. The elder, fundamentalist element among the racketeers believes, and with considerable good judgment, that it is bad policy for the plans of the gunmen and other feudists to be handled about as if they were so many impending blessed events. Winchell always has had many good underworld sources of information; most of the mugs like him, they feel that they can trust his judgment on what not to print, and they admire him for making such an enormous success of what seems to them just another racket. And Winchell would rather be seen talking to a racketeer than to a bishop.

Many an aging newspaper reporter, who wanders about with dragging feet and drooping shoulders, possesses a wealth of just such information as Winchell has printed about the police, politicians and the underworld. The difference is that the ordinary reporter regards it as something to forget - certainly nothing to write about.

This brash historian of our life and time probably has deserved many a rebuke, but only once, so far as the records show, was he hauled out before a lot of nice people. That was on the night in January, 1932, when Winchell attended a party at the Central Park Casino given by A. C. Blumenthal, the theater owner and producer, and his wife, Miss Peggy Fears. A fair slice of the wit and beauty were there, and Winchell was sitting at Mayor Walker's table with Pola Negri and Billie Dove.

Among those present was Earl Carroll, about whom Winchell had kept silent, refusing to say anything against Carroll years before at the time of the producer's trial for perjury which resulted in his being sent to Atlanta prison as an outgrowth of the famous bathtub party. Winchell, however, had been roasting Carroll's shows for years. Only a few days before the scene at the Casino he had printed in his column a quip credited to George S. Kaufman and Uroucho MARX. Kaufman said to MARX: "What do you think of Earl Carroll's Vanities?" and Marx replied: "I had rather not say. I saw it under bad conditions - the curtain was up."

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And so, on this great night at the Casino, Carroll arose and, looking at Winchell, said: "Walter, I wonder if you can take it? We've been taking it from you for a long time." Winchell nodded and said: "Go ahead. It's O. K." Carroll went on: "I want to tell you that you are not fit to associate with decent people. You don't belong!"

It was all very embarrassing. There was a lull of at least five minutes. Carroll bowed himself out of the Casino. Since that night, according to the best information on Broadway, several friends have tried to reconcile Carroll and Winchell, but nothing has come of it. Of the incident Winchell says: "Carroll certainly was entitled to his scolding of me. I had treated him pretty mean for many years."

As touchy as any actor, Winchell can be bitter and unforgiving when he believes that he is being put upon. His two pet dislikes in New York are Emil Savran, managing editor of the MIRROR, to whom he hasn't spoken for more than a year, and O. O. McIntyre, who also conducts a column. These vendettas, their friends predict, will flourish for years; to be sure, it is not of world-wide importance.

Winchell had one short brush with the law, in 1928, when he was served in padlock proceedings brought by the United States Government against the Artists' Social Democratic Club in West Forty-sixth street. The Government alleged that Winchell was one of the "board of directors". It had taken the Federal agents eight years to find the place and to discover that it was, like thousands of other such places, a speak-easy. Years before he had been in the joint and signed his name to a register which, the agents contended, listed him as a director and therefore liable for the conduct of the place. Actually Winchell had no more to do with the operation of the establishment than Bishop Manning did, except that Winchell went there occasionally and the Bishop didn't. Winchell saw a lawyer and had his name stricken from the complaint.

In 1927 Winchell had a tiff with the brothers Shubert, Lee and Jack, but anyone is likely to have a row with the Shuberts. They barred him from their theaters because he consistently criticized their productions. Then Lee Shubert met Winchell's children in Miami Beach, liked them, and said: "Well, I'm glad to know there are some nice people in the Winchell family." The actual reinstatement of Winchell as part of the regular first night audience in the Shubert houses came, according to Winchell, when Al Jolson refused to go on at the opening of "Wonderbar" unless the producers let the flip critic in. This is the same Mr. Jolson who in July, 1933, rose one evening in Hollywood and knocked Winchell down twice because, he said, word had reached him that Winchell's motion picture scenario, which he had just sold for \$25,000 ("Broadway Through a Keyhole") dealt with the career of Mrs. Jolson (Baby Keeler). Winchell said he regarded the incident as good publicity.

A frenzied worker, his health always has been good, even if he did fall when the aging Jolson hit him. He is neither profligate, boozey nor debauched. Soon after the killing of Vincent Coll he announced that he had had a breakdown, and took some time off. How serious this breakdown was remains a matter between Winchell, the medical profession and God. He went to California. Rumors reached him that stories were being spread that he was dying, that he was paralyzed in the left side, that he had been run out of New York by gangsters, and so on. It got under his skin and he rushed back to New York.

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His rice has been steady, and he has had a good time. The only real tragedy in his life was the death in December, 1933, of his nine-year-old daughter, Gloria. He has a younger daughter, Valda. He had referred to them many times in his column, and his friends knew of his great devotion to his family. Indeed, one of the thousands of criticisms leveled at Winchell at one time or another has been that he mentioned his family too frequently. Wherever a few people are gathered together, they argue about whether Winchell transgresses good taste, and on Broadway no one has ever drawn up a comprehensive code to define good taste.

In the summer of 1933 Westbrook Pagler in the New York EVENING POST ran a column which he called "A Sport Writer Interviews Himself", done in the manner of Winchell's familiar "Portrait of a Man Talking to Himself". It combined, more nearly than anything else, all the objections which have been raised against Winchell's personality, taste and attitude. It was reprinted in VARIETY, which had been carrying on a desultory quarrel with Winchell. VARIETY professed the column with this comment:

"In Walter Winchell's inside coat pocket, carelessly held in a card case, is a nice collection of soft soap spilled over Winchell in the very nice way of Damon Runyon. If Winchell can halt a bystander long enough, the victim is made to read the Runyon stuff on Winchell. Winchell enjoys it so much that he often asks the bystander to read it aloud, because Winchell can't believe his eyes.

"Westbrook Pagler has a nice way of writing, too. Thousands and thousands of newspaper readers have learned to think very highly of the Chicago TRIBUNE syndicated writing ace.

"Mr. Pagler one day a few days ago wrote one of his daily columns. The Pagler column was about columnists. Pagler called it a sport writer talking to himself, but you have difficulty in recognizing any sport writer if like. The first hasty conclusion is that the Pagler interview seems rather to fit a Broadway columnist, maybe any Broadway columnist.

"For fear Walter, no boy, failed to see Mr. Pagler's contribution it is here submitted, as it's quite well known in the night clubs of New York where stews assemble that Winchell's first crack Tuesday morning is:

"I wonder what that loose VARIETY has in this week about me."

"With Winchell inviting some of the bystanders to read the Runyon essay over in person there's a chance he will also be informed just when Mr. Pagler had in mind."

Pagler's column:

"Oh, how I love my beautiful, darling wife and kiddies. I am one of the best husbands in the world. And fathers, too. Some husbands and fathers keep these things in the bosom of the family, but it is a business with me, and I kick it all over good white paper.

"Hello, sweetheart. Here is a kiss for you. I am selling this kiss to the customers for three cents a copy; ten cents on Sundays. Don't forget to give little Shirley her spinach tonight. I have your photograph in the drawer beside me, darling. In my watch, too. Also in my hat. Hello, Shirley, darling. Your papa sends you a kiss. Your papa loves you. Papa loves baby. Isn't that original, darling?"

"Sometimes I get disgusted when people think I am hard-boiled and blasé and cynical. People are always thinking about me. Oh, why does everybody think about me all the time? And why do people think I am conceited and stuck up when I am one of the most democratic and kind-hearted and family-loving people in all the world? Even if I am standing on the pinnacle of success, I am always willing to lend a helping hand to those who are strugglin' in the battle of life.

"This is the great humanitarian in me, although, to hear my enemies tell it, you wouldn't know it. I used to be one of the humble class, myself, once, before I became so successful.

"But is it worth while to be a great man? Sometimes I wonder, darling.

"I must remember to write something nice about George Washington. He deserves it, even from me. Walnuts grow on trees. Shakespeare died at the age of fifty.

"Rather clever, I thought. I mean what Issy Blots, the featherweight fighter, said to the elevator boy at the Garden the other night.

"Hello", piped Blots; "I see you have your ups and downs."

"Wonder if it's true. I mean about what I mean. I mean about the rumor that I mean. It certainly will prove what I mean if I mean what I mean.

"A certain party has been writing poison pen letters about me. And the party is known. Jealous of my success, that's all.

"I am so important that a great many people write poison pen letters about me. But what they forget is that I love my wife and kiddies.

"Hello, darling, here is another kiss for you (three cents daily; ten cents on Sundays).

"My goodness, how the money rolls in.

"Oh, well, if you want to be an honest, fearless and a big, outstanding success, you have to have a brave bodyguard so you will not get slapped on the nose. Bodyguards cost money, but when I need money I just kiss my darling wife and little Shirley in print and meet the payroll.

"Bitch Hatcher certainly is a grand guy and a true pal. One of the sweetest pals in the world. They call him a racketeer. The big bankers, that is. But they don't know what a grand guy and a true pal he is. While they are robbing the poor people, he robs the rich. They say he kicks his mother.

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"But they don't tell you that he kicks her with his right foot. Pitch is left-footed. Hope is made of hemp.

"I must remember to put the blast on Pontius Pilate. There was a dirty coward, if there ever was one. I am not afraid to speak out, let the chips fall where they may.

"That certainly was nice of President Roosevelt to write me that boosting letter telling me how much he liked my staff. I wrote him, saying, 'I certainly hope you have a successful administration', and he wrote back out of a clear sky, 'I cannot find words to express my opinion of your staff.'

"What is life, after all? A guttering candle. A flickering flame. A cast of the dice. A wee dooch and daris.

"Hello, sweetheart, here is another kiss for you (three cents a copy today). Don't forget to give little Shirley her spinach, dear.

"Benedict Arnold certainly was a dirty bum.

"Henry the Eighth was a King of England.

"Goodnight, sweetheart."

Cruel business, and calculated to make Winchell's face red, but Broadway is not an overpolite place, and Winchell himself, for all his occasional acts of kindness to persons who have been treated unjustly, or who are out of work, has written many a line that caused pain - if not pain, then surely acute embarrassment.

Winchell is the perfect flower of Broadway, the product of his period as surely as prohibition and the night clubs and the Tommy-guns. He is gay, and when he speaks the words come tumbling out as if he were thinking at the top of his voice and was barely able to contain his pent-up excitement. He is not fooled by Broadway any more than any other sane person is fooled by it. But he plays it for all it is worth, and the cash rolls in. He laid the ground for a horde of imitators, some good and some terrible, who are using his formula to depict the pageant of the great man, the beauties and the mountebanks of New York. A few of them do it expertly, but there is only one bloom-in-the-bottle Winchell.

There are two schools of thought about his contribution to the period: one holds that he is important because he is a matchless reporter of human trivia; the other contends that he deserves fame because of his additions to the language. Sometimes, in his efforts to surpass himself, he gnaws and twists the English language to the straining-point, and even his best friends, whose ears are pretty well attuned to his nuances, don't know what he means.

His first and most popular phrase occurred in the oft-repeated announcement that Mr. and Mrs. So-and-so "anticipate a blessed event". Finally this became an ordinary cliché, and Winchell and his imitators would write that the couple are "preparing a bassinot", "getting started" or awaiting "a blessed expense". For couples

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who are not getting along so well, or preparing to separate, he has many descriptions. Sometimes they are "on the verge" and sometimes they are "straining at the handuffs". Those who are to get divorces will "tell it to the Judge" or be "hano-vated". When people do things quietly they do it "sette vee". Sometimes people are "cupiding out loud", or they are "blasing again", or "on fire", or merely "that way". People drink "single water" and "made whoopes".

Collectors of Winchellisms are inclined to agree that his best line was "Those who live in tin houses shouldn't throw can-openers."

Winchell is Jewish, and he knows an eternal truth, discovered years ago by Montague Glass, that Jews like jokes on Jews. He is, indeed, on safer ground there than when he leans to the serious side of Jewish problems. Once, after he had flared up at some slur against the race, a prominent Jew said to him: "Please don't disgrace us by a defense, because you admit you are not a good Jew - because you haven't been in a synagogue since your confirmation - so, obviously, you know nothing about Jewry and you might be misunderstood."

Every time he hears a new Jewish joke that he thinks is worth repeating he prints it. Here is a sample of his jokes on the "dialecticians", as he calls them (when he doesn't say "herring-tearers"):

"For the tenth time the room clerk, with adenoids and an expression as though he were smelling something objectionable, insisted to Mr. Goldfarb that there were no rooms available at his ritzy hotel and that there was a waiting list ahead of him up to fifty years hence. And for the tenth time Mr. Goldfarb scratched the egg from his vest and insisted upon knowing the rates per day.

"Why", why'd the stiff clerk, 'do you insist on knowing?'

"'Becuz', said the dialectician, 'furr eaven nowt's I'm paying here do rent for my baby-doll and I t'ink I'm being gasp'd how do rates!'

Mr. Goldfarb seldom appears. Usually the hero of his Jewish stories is a splendid composite character whom Winchell calls Guffofsky.

Better than any of his gossiping contemporaries, Winchell, the ex-hooper, caught the tempo of the New York of the twenties and the early thirties. That tempo was brittle, cheap, garish, loud, and full of wild dissonances. And he didn't really have to peep through a keyhole to find out what was going on. He couldn't have missed it blindfolded.

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WINCHELL, ALFRED, columnist. Born N.Y. City, April 7, 1897, s. Jacob and Jennette (Bakst) W. Joined original Gus Edward's review as one of Howboys Skirtette; began newspaper work on staff Vandeville News 1922; columnist and dramatic critic Evening Graphic 1924-29; columnist Daily Mirror since 1929; also broadcasts over radio. Married June (Aster) Aug. 1929, N.Y. City. Address: 235 E. 48th St., N.Y. City.

(From p. 1142 of WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN JEWRY - 1933-34)

WINCHELL, WALTER: Newspaper man, Columnist, Radio Broadcaster; b. April 7, 1897, in N.Y.C., s. of Jacob and Jennette (Bakst). He was educated in the public schools of his native city and began his career at the age of 15 as a singing usher in a Harlem nightclub. In 1910 he joined Gus Edward's first song team as one of the Howboys Skirtette. He became manager for one of Gus Edward's vanderbilt acts and later did his own dance and song act. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy for the duration of the World War, returning to his vanderbilt activities in 1918. Two years later he joined the staff of The Vandeville News, terminating his stage career, and in 1924 he became Columnist and Drama Critic for the N.Y. Graphic. Since 1929 Mr. Winchell has achieved a national reputation as Columnist for the N.Y. Daily Mirror, his column being syndicated also in over one hundred other newspapers in the U. S., Alaska and Cuba. He is well known as a radio broadcaster and contributed articles to The Bookman, Vanity Fair, Life and other magazines. In 1922 he married June (Aster), and they have one daughter, Valda. Home: 115 East. 48th St. Office: Daily Mirror, 235 E. 48th St., N.Y.C.

(From pages 508-509 BIOGRAPHICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN JEWS - 1933)

Notice the discrepancy in the two sketches. Will try and get court record on legal change of name by father and date of same.

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### Barred by Winchell

THE STORK CLUB in New York City is the official filling station which pumps out most of the nonenses and chatter that fuels America's gossip columns.

For the editor of a magazine, whose life blood depends on bits of rumor about cafe society, to be banned from the Stork Club bar is tantamount to exile to Siberia.

Thus when Mr. Harold Ross, editor of the *New Yorker*, was told he could no longer patronize the Stork Club, he felt like an accomplished violinist deprived of his only fiddle.

The news and the reasons for Mr. Ross' banishment was revealed last week by *Westbrook Register*.

It seems that Walter Winchell, the Stork Club's "patron saint," had ordered Mr. Ross' expulsion as a means of getting even with him for a series of articles about Winchell which appeared in the *New Yorker* some months ago.

Among other things, the articles related how Winchell in a few brief years had risen from a close friend of Cursey Madison, notorious gangster and former public enemy No. 1 to his best friend of J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. chief and No. 1 gangster chaser.

Although the fact was indisputable, Winchell told the Stork Club management that either Ross would be exiled or that he (Winchell) would write a series of daily digs against the popular night spot in his gossip column.

The management had no other course than to bow to the dictates of the "apostle of Democracy and free speech," and Editor Ross is now forced to do his drinking and sleeping in less famous night clubs.

*See extra photo*

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**CALLING WALTER WINCHELL A LIAR**

The "radio column for Jorgen's Lotion", as Walter Winchell was classified by a House of Congress recently, seems to have the faculty of giving booster to Red writers of books in his column, "Walter Winchell on Broadway", and during the Jorgen's broadcast each Sunday night. However, it may be a mere coincidence that he booster the writings of some of the worst of the Red authors. If it is a lack of knowledge with regard to the identity of Communists and what constitutes Communist literature, Winchell might save himself much adverse criticism by making inquiry beforehand in connection with authors and their books. On the other hand, if it is with knowledge of their background and the contents of their books that he favorably comments on their literature, then he owes it to the American public to mention the fact that he is boosting Communist literature at the time he makes mention thereof. Otherwise, many who are not Reds will unknowingly be led into buying Communist literature, as recommended by Mr. Winchell.

They will recall, including the managing editor of the NATIONAL REPUBLIC, that it was Walter Winchell who circulated to every Member of Congress the book, "Secret Armies", written by John L. Spivak, a writer for the Communists. Winchell also boosted this book in his newspaper column and over the radio (Jorgen's program). The book contained a round of unmitigated lies about the managing editor of the NATIONAL REPUBLIC. Spivak is out on bail at this time, charges of criminal libel having been filed against him by two other individuals mentioned in the book. They more could file similar charges against him if they wished to torment his nose. Spivak's record in Communist circles occupies a full page in the "Congressional Record" of March 1, 1950, placed there by Congressman Shafter of Michigan.

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Now Winchell comes along with a boost for "Native Son", a book written a short time ago by Richard Wright. Winchell suggests that Wright be awarded the Pulitzer Prize for this book. He possibly does not know that the Communist publications have given this book as good a send-off as he has, and that Wright is a writer (so is Spivak) for the "Daily Worker", official organ of the Communist Party; that Wright has been connected with the Harlem Branch of the Communist Party (New York); that he opposed legislation in New York in 1936 that was designed to prevent Communists from holding public office; and that he defunded the race judges in Moscow in 1935. Winchell may also like to know that both Wright and Spivak, together with Earl Browder, Mike Gold, Clarence Hathaway, Grace Lumpkin, M. J. Algia, Alex Brackenberg and other Communists, issued the call for the "Congress of Revolutionary Writers", held in New York City in 1938. This call disclosed the creation of a permanent organization to be "affiliated with the International Union of Revolutionary Writers". A resolution was adopted at that Congress opposing an "imperialist war" and defending "the Soviet Union against capitalist aggression".

In other words, Mr. Winchell, the American people would feel a little more kindly towards you if you would utilize your time in boosting literature from cleaner pens.



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people whom I shall quote you will find the history of communism in America to date.

The overthrow and destruction of this Government with the substitution of an absolute and arbitrary dictatorship, and the destruction of all forms of popular voice in governmental affairs is being attempted in a more systematic, with more regularity, and with more deadly design than at any time in the history of the Nation.

The Communist regime in Moscow, bent on world conquest, is preparing and directing one of the best equipped and most far-reaching campaigns in America with which any country has ever been confronted. The Communist organization on the American continent is composed of approximately one million members of business and syndicates, scattered in every State and province of the United States and Canada, and also in Mexico and Central America, the scheme to import bolshevism and establish it in the State of the Atlantic.

The movement is aimed not only at the later stages but at the entire industrial, social, and political structure of the country and with the single aim of eventually establishing a Soviet State in the United States and converting the country into a second colony of the Communist International at Moscow.

This report was given to Congress in 1938. Congress then by its failure to act is responsible in the United States today.

I have opposed and criticized Congress for having allowed the Communist Party to gain power in the executive departments. My reason for objecting to that is because I oppose dictatorship in any form and dictatorship is present through the Communist Party in the executive departments of the Government. I am opposed to the establishment of a dictatorship in any form and dictatorship is present through the Communist Party in the executive departments of the Government. I am opposed to the establishment of a dictatorship in any form and dictatorship is present through the Communist Party in the executive departments of the Government.

I am opposed to this unconstitutional regime which is established a Federal monopoly, ownership, and control of industry and to prevent there any private enterprise of the past. The Government has no constitutional right to engage in competition with private business. I am opposed to the establishment of a dictatorship in any form and dictatorship is present through the Communist Party in the executive departments of the Government.

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...to be a "Florida Fever" ... the case of ... and then wash his ... with some of the Japan's ... of the ... while ... which has taken ...

I should like to say to the gentleman ... I am ... with his ... to involve the United ... There is nothing to hold them ... to the United States, and ... from going forth and ... in 1936 ...

... of Wisconsin. Is it not peculiar that in ... and newspaper propagandists ... to the American Red Cross ... "help the Allies" people are great ... of the June 2, 1940, Philadelphia ... by Miss L. Annenberg ... who is ... President Roosevelt ... and help the ... Miss L. Annenberg go to ... the British or French Foreign Legion? ... 24 hours a day. Why ... the Allies, instead of ... Treasury be raided ...

That is exactly my opinion. That is ... of it ...

... in which they advocate that we ... I want to say now that we have given ... Last year we ... Act and if you will look at my ... that what I stated in ... in the United States today ... to provide neutrality ... the procedure which the President in ... the United States and all ... on the verge of war ...

There is no provision in the ... which would ... Walter Lippmann, from going to ... and doing some ... for other Americans to ... to prevent his ... Dorothy Thompson, from going ... We all know that ... I want to say that Dorothy Thompson ... the anticipated ...

... But Mr. Robert Forster, the ... who took all the ... when things got ... in Paris and ... after he had ... of food, water, and ...

... But the Belgian King stayed in the ... and protected the lives of his people and that is more ... than his ministers did when they were collecting him.

Now, just what did we give to the Allies over a period of 6 or 7 years? We have actually donated one and a half billion dollars of merchandise to all foreign nations who have delivered gold into the United States. We must realize that gold itself today is only worth \$27.57 per ounce, as it has always been priced, and it is now sold at \$35 an ounce. The difference between that \$14.33 or a matter of 50 percent of the original price of the gold. This is the difference we have donated to foreign nations in merchandise and in materials which have been bought in the United States.

That is not all we have given them. We have, by the trade policy and trade treaties, also given them free transportation of other commodities and food supplies that in reality we should have allowed our own farmers to produce and furnish to our own people as food supplies, but we have imported all that from foreign nations. For what purpose? Not to help the United States, not to help our own farmers, but in order to help some unwise foreign interest which has a very harmful influence on this administration.

This is not all we have done either. We established a neutrality patrol, and that patrol was nothing but a covering fleet for the British Navy. I have said so before, and if you will recall the capture of the Columbus, the Treasurer reported the position of that ship to Washington until the British destroyer came up and sank the ship, and it was finally found, I discovered, and it was so published in one of the international magazines, that the captain, the radio operator, the communication officers, were all of Jewish extraction. Well, you can readily see why they would report this ship to the British Navy, because the British Government is composed of nothing but internationalists.

Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. THORNTON. I yield.  
Mr. SCHAFER of Wisconsin. The Jergens' hand-lettered ... delivered a lengthy ... of communism. It is not a fact that Miss ... other Walter Winchell, the Jergens' hand-lettered ... only a few months ago was advertising on the air and ... a book called Soviet Russia, written by John L. Spivak, a most notorious Communist?

Mr. THORNTON. I received a copy of that book and I know the statement the gentleman now makes is absolutely correct. It appears that the Communist Party is dominating not only the United States, but is actually blocking the way of the administration, and that is quite evident in the prosecution that was taken not to bring up the deportation bill against Harry Bridges. There is no reason why that gentleman should remain in the United States and there is no reason why anyone else who does not subscribe to the principles set forth in the Constitution of the United States should remain here.

We must at some time in the future reach some definite position in that respect. It should be first to inform the people that if each and every one of us subscribes to the fundamental principles of this Government as set forth in the Constitution we will all be united Americans, but that is not the case. We have a great many different organizations here operating entirely in conflict with our own laws and under the protection of our own Justice and Intelligence, and her-embodiment departments. In other words, the Government itself is the biggest offender in the United States today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman from Wisconsin has expired.

Mr. SCHAFER of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman's time be extended for 5 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In these objections ... Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker, I repeat my words ... The gentleman was ...

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spe more than 20 minutes late in coming to his seat, and that time was given to the gentleman from California (Mr. Voorhes). I said that I had time to object.

Mr. SCHAFER of Wisconsin. If the gentleman had been here the gentleman from California would not have been able to get the additional time. I said the gentleman, as well as all Members present, wanted the gentleman from California to have that additional time because he was making a fine, informative speech.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman object? Mr. TERRY? I shall not object at this time, but I shall notify the gentleman now that I shall object to any future extension of time.

Mr. THORCKELSON. I thank the gentleman for his courtesy.

Mr. SCHAFER of Wisconsin. The gentleman wonders why Harry Bridges, the alien British Communist, has been permitted by the New Deal to carry on his guerrilla warfare and undermine our American merchant marine, which is an essential part of our national defense. The New Deal thinks more of aliens than of American citizens. That might be the reason why the New Deal ordered our American flag-ship, the Manhattan, to Italy to bring 882 aliens to the United States and leave more than 1,500 American citizens in the war zone. It appears that our New Deal administration follows the principle of aliens first and Americans last.

Mr. THORCKELSON. I would like to the gentleman from Wisconsin that I am informed that we have in the employ of the Federal Government people who have been in the United States only 4 or 5 or 6 weeks and who are now drawing \$300 a month, \$2 000 a year, when our own people are walking the streets looking for work. It seems to me that the Government has set itself aside as an employment agency for foreign refugees of all different sorts and types that have come into the United States. Surely I want to see these people taken care of, but I cannot see why the United States should be used as a dumping ground for every undesirable alien not wanted by any other nation.

Mr. Browder is the chief Communist in the United States. He was convicted on a passport fraud charge. He is still at large, and I saw the other day where he addressed 20,000 people at the Madison Square Garden and was received with great acclaim. I inform the Members of Congress now, because it concerns free speech, that I was asked to speak in New York 3 or 4 weeks ago. The program was printed, and my subject was to be Constitutional Government and Sound Money. When the management of the hotels found that I was to speak, the reservation was canceled in each one of the three hotels, in spite of the fact that arrangements had been made and a deposit had also been placed with the management of the hotels.

Mr. SCHAFER of Wisconsin. Will the gentleman yield? Mr. THORCKELSON. I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. SCHAFER of Wisconsin. Did your New York speaking engagements in competition with Earl Browder include a billing at the Stark Club where the Jergen's hand lotion salesman and his Communist pal, John L. Sprud, hung out. [Laughter.]

Mr. THORCKELSON. I want to say to the gentleman from Wisconsin that I have made up my mind to have the Jergen's company prove what their commentator has said in regard to myself. If I am a Nazi or a Fascist the Federal Bureau of Investigation should come here and take me out. I am here waiting for them. If I am not, I want Walter Winchell and his kind to prove just exactly what I am.

I have recently initiated two suits of that sort. In one case it was against a paper that was called Voice for Human Rights. They apologized for the libel that they committed in respect to myself. The other gentleman, who published the Pressure Boys, and stated that I was a diploma-mill doctor, withdrew his libel and paid for it in addition.

Mr. SCHAFER of Wisconsin. Will the gentleman yield further?

Mr. THORCKELSON. I yield.

Mr. SCHAFER of Wisconsin. I hope the gentleman will give me one minute this morning, and I will be glad to answer. Because if the gentleman from Wisconsin is a member of a "with column," whether it is a Nazi, Fascist, or Communist gang, I want to vote to take him out of the House of Representatives.

If it is not a "with column" member, I want the libel laws enforced so that this Walter Winchell, alias Walter Winchell, can justify his Jerg's hand lotion selling the services to a Federal constituency. [Laughter and applause.]

Mr. THORCKELSON. I want to say I think it is the duty of the Executive to see that the laws are faithfully obeyed, and if there are any Communists, Nazis, or Fascists in the Congress of the United States, he certainly ought to enforce the law and see that they are brought before the bar of justice. [Applause.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Gorman). The time of the gentleman from Wisconsin has again expired.

REVISIONS OF BILLS

Mr. BERRY of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my remarks and include a short editorial from the Washington Daily News of Saturday, June 2.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

[The matter referred to appears in the Appendix.]

PROVISIONAL BILLS PASSED

Mr. PARSONS, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H. R. 582. An act to confer jurisdiction upon the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Florida to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claim of Hook Palm Nurseries, Inc., a Florida corporation.

H. R. 2417. An act to facilitate the control of soil erosion and/or flood damage originating upon lands within the exterior boundaries of the Sequoia National Forest, Calif.

H. R. 2418. An act to extend the provisions of the Forest Exchange Act, as amended, to certain lands in that they may become parts of the Whitman, Malheur, or Umatilla National Forests.

H. R. 2608. An act to facilitate and simplify national forest administration.

H. R. 2609. An act for the relief of certain disbursing officers of the Army of the United States and for the settlement of individual claims approved by the War Department.

H. R. 2620. An act making appropriations for the Navy Department and the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, and for other purposes.

H. R. 2621. An act to provide for the promotion of promotion-list officers of the Army after specified years of service in grade, and for other purposes.

H. R. 2622. An act to provide educational employees of the public schools of the District of Columbia with leave of absence, with part pay, for purposes of educational improvement, and for other purposes; and

H. R. 2169. An act making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of such District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 228. An act directing the Secretary of the Interior to issue to Albert W. Cobbe a patent to certain lands in the State of Wyoming.

S. 229. An act authorizing the President of the United States to commission Sam Alexander before an Army retiring board, and for other purposes.

S. 227. An act to correct the military record of Walter Bullard.

S. 177. An act for the relief of Janet Hendel, nee Judith Shapiro.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADDRESS THE HOUSE

MR. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to proceed for 5 minutes.

THE SPEAKER. Without objection, 5 minutes.

There was no objection. MR. SPEAKER, 3 days ago with Member of Congress received a copy of the book Secret America, by John L. Winchell. In the same mail with Winchell received a letter from Walter Winchell, columnist and radio commentator, under a New York letterhead, which read as follows:

DEAR CONGRESSMAN—In my column of Thursday, February 16, I said "Crested in Secret America (Winchell) is the publisher of a 'New Congressman and Reader should read it—read it up'."

Upon reading parts of it again, I decided, as part of my effort to preserve our American form of democracy, that I should read a copy of it. It is going forward to you made against you.

On a broadcast recently I said "If you have taken any correspondence on your subject you would have Americans in your hand." I only did it on Bill Hill Road.

WALTER WINCHELL

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have read Secret America and find it full of distortions and fabrications. In short, it is filled with Communist trash. I am sure that Walter Winchell would be pleased to be spreading of such propaganda in this country.

I do not doubt Mr. Winchell's position or his intention in placing Secret America in the hands of the Nation's legislators. In fact, I am sure that he is a splendid citizen who has used his talent and facilities to promote patriotism and Americanism in the past. Therefore, it is surprising to me that he would distribute such a document as Secret America. I can hardly imagine Mr. Winchell passing a message for "red" propaganda.

My purpose in telling the House today is not to speak Walter Winchell, but to inform Members of Congress regarding the author and publisher of this book. The publisher is John L. Winchell. On Monday afternoon the Congressman should find out a little bit more about the matter, meaning of course, the distribution of the book Secret America. I have undertaken to obtain the information, which I now wish to place in the hands of Congress.

John L. Winchell is a writer for the Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party in America. He is a writer for the New Masses, Communist publication, written for Sunday Worker Communist organ. Winchell is also listed as contributing editor of Worker's Communist publication, the official journal of which is made up of James Ford, Communist Party member, and Robert Henry of various Communist Party members, and Robert Henry of various Communist Party members. Winchell is also listed as a member of the editorial committee of the Communist Party and served as a member of the editorial committee of the Communist Party to support Secretary and Paul, Paul, Paul, and Vice Presidential candidates, respectively, on the Communist ticket in 1948. He is a member of the National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners—Inclusion of "red" allies ordered disrupted from the United States.

Winchell is a member of the George Eastman Committee, organized by John Galt, Communist leader in New York City, supporter of the National Committee to Aid Writers of German Provinces in 1934, members of which included Alfred Wepfer, West German, and Robert Dumas, in addition to other various Communists.

Winchell was listed in the country as a lecturer, his subject being Europe from the Revolution. He traveled with William Brewster, Communist, and Ben Brown, Chicago secretary of New Masses. Tickets for the Chicago lecture were advertised for sale at the Communist bookstore in that city.

Winchell wrote George Nigge, which was challenged by the members of the George Eastman Committee. The Atlantic (New York) edition, leading newspaper of the South, in its issue of November 20, 1948, carried a statement by Judge William L. Sweeney, secretary of the George Eastman Committee, charging that Winchell had "taken a picture of a highly intimate treatment to George Nigge." Judge Sweeney also charged, according to that newspaper, that "Winchell posed as an agent of the Federal Government to obtain a check-up on all our most vital secrets."

February 12, 1949, Winchell returned in Chicago under the auspices of the Communist movement. His subject was the significance of Winchell in industry.

Among Winchell's distortions against political activities was an article in the American Literary magazine, which he attacked the American Red Cross. The charges made by Winchell were answered in detail by officials of that organization. He also attacked the American Legion to reveal of his intention, charging that the Legion would be forced to the front ranks of Fascism.

Some of Winchell's letters relatives were Fighting America's Progress and Rich Lord. The Progress Anti-Socialist Organization. The information used in these letters was published in the Daily Worker and New Masses, with Winchell as the author. These letters were distributed to various Communist workers and the same subject as the letters went to New Masses.

Winchell will begin another lecture tour tomorrow, March 2, in the capacity of International Workers' Order, which has been announced.

and by the Dies committee. The lecture will continue through March 22. Winchell's schedule will take him to Albion, Michigan, West Havenville, New Kensington, Scranton and Pittsburgh, Pa.; Youngstown, Cleveland, Akron, Toledo and Canton, Ohio; Newark, N. J.; Brooklyn, Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y.; and Detroit, Mich. The title of his lecture will be "Secret America." His tour is being widely advertised in the Daily Worker, beginning with the Feb. 28 issue. Winchell's appearance in a large space in the issue of February 24.

Last year Winchell appeared before a special committee named by the Massachusetts State Legislature to investigate un-Americanism. At that time he posed as an international correspondent and a representative of religious, labor, and business groups. During his appearance before the committee Winchell made similar charges to those printed in his book, Secret America. Among those attacked were Henry Ford, who was described as being in the pay of Hitler; Walter S. Dill, of the National Republic magazine, and others.

The Massachusetts committee reported, however, that "winchell posed for common" Winchell "fell back upon the pretense of a 'newspaper man' to protect his career," and "from the quality of his testimony, and considering his background as a Communist propagandist for years past, there is no doubt in the minds of the committee—Massachusetts legislative committee—that he was brought here—Boston—specifically to make statements he could not support."

The report also accused Winchell of appearing before the committee "to create a false lead to divert attention from investigation of Communism and to provide emotional publicity." It further charged that "winchell was Winchell went to Cuba and wrote for Communist publications a series of articles concerning Communist organization and activity in the Caribbean."

The committee's report further stated that—

Probably as a diversion a thing as Winchell has yet written was an article in the American Red Cross which appeared in a nationally circulated magazine, the American Mercury. By suppression of material facts and by distortion he sought to prove the great benevolent organization to be other than it is, and to be a form of money-making racket. The charges and insinuations which Winchell made in the article have been disproved.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I desire to enlighten those Members of Congress who have read Secret America on Winchell's background and these publications.

Secret America books are advertised in all Communist publications and that a copy should be sent to the "Reds" in America. The official organ of the Young Communist League, the New Pioneer, contained a page advertisement of Secret America books in its issue of May, 1949, in that issue an appeal was made to the Communist International Workers' Order to obtain subscriptions to the Secret America book service. The advertisement stated that the "Secret America" book service has become a necessity.

Another advertisement for Secret America books is found in the Communist publication Soviet Russia Today, December 1949. Among the books advertised are those by John Strachey, the British "Red," who was recently listed as the guest of America by the Department of Labor; Robert of Scarborough, by Boris Mann; I Like America, by the second Communist, Paul, Oscar the Facts, One-4th of England, by Anne Louise Brown, editor of the Moscow News, a Communist publication printed in Moscow; Russian Japanese Treaty in Chinese Presented Here, Central Executive, from Spanish Treaties the Wall of Spain, covering the Spanish "red" Secret, Labor Day Booklet, Red Features and Advertisers in Spain.

Another Communist, who has openly avowed Communist membership for public office in the United States, author of Tobacco Road, is now trying to look with Secret America books in Have You Seen Their Faces on hand in the South.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this book Secret America, which Mr. Winchell has illegally and subsequently placed in the hands of Members of Congress, is an attack on the South. I have no objection to anyone reading it, but I believe that when they do they should know the background of the author and publisher.

In fact, I believe we should get all the facts as to what the South and Communist and all other un-American organizations are doing in America. I feel the same as Winchell.

If you have letters or correspondence on your subject, you cannot have distribution in your hand.

The publisher from New York (MR. FEIN) has introduced in this Congress a bill to prohibit the mailing, drilling, and distributing of all hedge groups. It should have the support of every Member of Congress.

This legislative should have the wholehearted support of Walter Winchell and other radio and newspaper commentators.

It is to be expected that Walter Winchell, has become a highly-paid "red" propagandist in advertising Secret America over the radio and in his newspaper columns. He should disclose his employment of "red" Winchell's total back and should receive support of the bill offered by the publisher from New York (MR. FEIN), instead. With Walter Winchell's activities, shared in the right-hand, Member of the Congress can be "backhand" by the John L. Hill Road.

My constituents, Mr. SPEAKER of Michigan was granted permission to print and copy to your records.

# Comment

*Sacred Justice*  
Walter Winchell 12/19/40

The Catholic Review, official organ of the archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington, has a line or two on the peep-hole spook entitled "The Same Old Walter Winchell."

It reads as follows:

"We reprint the last sentence published in Walter Winchell's column in the New York Mirror of last Friday:

"Wonderful Harry Dalton, an Irish Catholic lad, who helps erase the stink of the town — by going around breaking Nazi noses."

"For Mr. Winchell's benefit, let us say that neither the Catholic Church nor the Irish see anything wonderful in a man who breaks the law and commits assault and battery. Men who go about breaking Nazi noses or any other noses should be put in jail instead of being lauded by Walter Winchell.

"If Mr. Winchell would only mind his own business, something his column indicates is constitutionally difficult for him, he would not be so much of a nuisance in the opinion of so many law-abiding Americans. These Americans believe in law and order and fair play.

"Catholics, including Irish Catholics, believe in law and order as ardently as they hate Peeping Toms and persons who put their metaphorical ears at metaphorical keyholes so that they may publish the innermost secrets of others to the world.

"There are some who believe that not only is Walter Winchell not content to bring sorrow to the living, but they know he does not even respect the memory of the dead.

"It will be recalled that when the members of the Christian Front were arrested, Mr. Winchell assumed to pronounce the men guilty before they were even tried. If Mr. Winchell were to try any such things within the jurisdictions of the courts in Baltimore he would be held for contempt of court. If he does not believe so, just let him undertake to pronounce opinions in this locality before the courts undertake to pronounce a man innocent or guilty. He will find that courts in Baltimore are different from courts in Greater New York, Flemington, N. J., and some other places.

"Members of the so-called Christian Front whom Mr. Winchell assumed to pronounce guilty were released. But evidently they had no means of entering suit against Mr. Winchell and getting satisfaction for his attacks on them.

"Such a situation was bad enough, but one of the men whom Mr. Winchell pronounced committed suicide. The poor unfortunate had no job to go back to, his people were poor and were hard put to raise money for his defense. The man became distraught and in such a condition shot and killed himself, even before he was cross-examined; even, we believe, before he testified.

"Did Mr. Winchell have any sympathy for the man or for his parents? He did not. He wrote: 'The right man shot himself.' If you know anything more brutal, more

outrage in the way of journalism, we do not

"You cannot be paid for slandering a dead man and dead men will be taken."

"Some years ago Walter Winchell immured the memory of Saint Joan of Arc, one who had been raised to the altar at canonization ceremonies by the Sovereign Pontiff in Rome.

"Mr. Winchell's evaluation of Saint Joan of Arc was an insulting, untrue one. Patrick F. Scanlon, managing editor of the Brooklyn Tablet demanded an apology and retraction.

"Instead of trying to right the wrong, instead of apologizing, Mr. Winchell did everything within his power to evade an apology. He sneered at Mr. Scanlon and attempted to belittle him.

"Walter Winchell was dealing with the wrong man. Mr. Scanlon does not go around breaking noses, even if the noses of male golems are more readily than the female, but he stuck to his demands. At long last Mr. Winchell had to apologize!

"Such is Mr. Winchell.

"We were talking to one of our Jewish friends the other day about Mr. Winchell's last sentence in his last Friday's column in the New York Mirror. This Jewish friend expressed the opinion that Mr. Winchell by his writings, was doing more to embarrass members of the Jewish race than the most hardened anti-Semite in this country.

"Thus it appears that in lauding Catholics and the Irish and the others, Walter Winchell is doing a disfavor to members of his own race. We have said this before to members of his race who do not think as he does and who frown upon his tactics.

"Fortunately, the offending sentence to which we have alluded did not appear in all the papers subscribing to Mr. Winchell's column.

"There are publishers and editors who have higher standards of journalistic ethics."

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

As the last line indicates, you will not receive any more columns until September.

kindest regards,

Rose Bigman

*Walter O. Tomichill*

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## New York Heartbeat

**The Big Parade:** Tyrone Power and Annabella, prettiest people in town...The Walter O'Keefes, of the stage, screen, radio and Stamford, Conn., staying up until half-past midnight in the sinful places...Ella Logan convulsing George Jessel and seven other males with the most wicked anecdotes that ever rolled you into the aisle...The Conover models in RAF uniforms—exploitation for a "Spitfire" fund...Peggy Moran, the starlet, as pretty as the gals her dad draws on the calendars...Walter Duranty, who covered Russia for many years, thrilling over the way the Soviets are fighting...Alexander Korda in Reuben's with some very convincing British propaganda on his arm—wife Merle Oberon...The always affable Mike Jacobs, the sportsman, just back from Movieville... Fanny Ward, looking considerably less than her 69 years, jitterbugging to John Kirby's rhythm at Fefe's Beach...Wendell Willkie, who would rather be right than President.

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**Sallies in Our Alley:** Swifty Morgan, the Broadway cravat merchant (to the underworld), is indebted to Al Jolson, who often helped him with money. Jolson happened to remark yesterday that he didn't want it repaid. "Well," Swifty said, "do you believe in reincarnation?"... "Yes," answered Jolson, "why?"... "Because when I die," Swifty explained, "I'm coming back as a horse, and I'm gonna win the Kentucky Derby—and you're the only one who knows it!"... Then there's the one about the bookie who phoned a client and barked: "When are you going to pay me what you owe?"... "Well," was the retort. "Right now I'm listening to the Pot O' Gold program—and when they call me—I'll call you!"

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**Memos of a Midnigher:** Lucius Beebe is willing to surrender his job and dude shoes to get into the Navy... That youthful social-registerite from Cedarhurst (who is sending propaganda through the mails) may get a spanking if his war vet father gets hep... Pals will betcha Estelle Taylor (ex-Mrs. Jack Dempsey) has been Mrs. Paul Small right along. But Paul says he wishes it were true... Edward Trevor's description of a gold-digger: "Her heart goes jingle-jingle instead of tick-tock"... Ken Silvestri of the Yankees and Betty Middleton, the model, are quite a team, too... Dell Parker likes tennis players. Just shifted from Gene Mako to Hank Daniels... The Paul (Charlotte, N. C.) Lewises expect their blessed event shortly... Who beat up Castro, of Southern Music Co.? Composer Pedro Flores?... The initials of the America First Comm. are the same as "America's Fifth Column."

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**New York Novelette:** Sammy Williams is a one-armed shine-boy on Sixth Ave. Although Colored, he has known good things—that's why he sings as he works... His voice, he still hopes, will lift him out of the mire of poverty... Six years ago he had his big chance. He induced the late Chick Webb and Webb's manager to hear him sing in an amateur contest at the Harlem Opera House. Manager Gale and Chick were in the front row that night, and Sammy wasn't worried about clicking... So confident was he—that he agreed to go on last... But Webb and Gale never heard him... For halfway through the performance, a shy, skinny, 15-year-old girl came on and chanted so enchantingly that the pair rushed back stage with a contract... The "discovery" was Ella Fitzgerald.

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**New Yorkids:** Pete Smith's amusing short at the Palace on how to dance the rhumba... Douglas Miller's must-reading: "You Can't Do Business With Hitler"... Les Brown's waxing of "The Anvil Chorus"... Jimmy Dorsey's "I Understand" platter... Ames and Arno at the Strand... Yvette's "You and I"... Bob Montgomery's exciting playing in "Here Comes Mr. Jordan"... A new digest: "The Country Book"—especially for citified folks now country squares... Garson Kanin's "Tom, Dick and Harry"—the talk of the town at Radio City Music Hall. "4½ Orchids.—Winchell, Mirror."

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**Sounds in the Night:** On the Starlight Roof: "She didn't marry him for better or worse—but for more or less"... At the Versailles: "Boy, was I mad? I saw Red—White and Blue!"... At the Hickory House: "Who's the Southern Drawl with the Northern Drool?"... At Claremont Inn: "She may not be making the rounds lately, but her reputation certainly is"... At Leon & Eddie's: "If you don't think she's two-faced—you should see her with a hangover"... At Club 18: "He walks as though he might be the head smeller at Chanel! Whoopssss!"... At Enduro: "She has a way of making you stay up and take notice—like crackers in bed"... In the Stork: "Okay, I'm through. All I know is that I lost a wonderful sweetheart—and you lost a pretty good friend!"... At Reuben's: "His is a typical Broadway success story—from Rags to Vicious!"

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**Bigtown Smalltalk:** That East 57th Street antique dealer possibly doesn't know that the picture in his window showing tortures in the Chinese Hell contains the risgayest scene ever publicly displayed outside India and Pompeii... For Blackout Protection: A small dose of strychnine sharpens your eyesight and lets you see blue street lumps better... Navy recruiting took a spurt this week over at the 90 Church Street naval station... Senator Wheeler, who now refuses the request of our Army to improve the defenses (by extending the year for selectees) said this on July 4th: "We must make our democracy impregnable within and without, we will build mightier and mightier our defense forces"... But that was on July 4th—when it is the style to be patriotic... The next thing on the tobacco market will be a self-extinguishing cigarette! Before it makes an ash of itself, one presumes... Liz Whitney asked G. J. Nathan: "Do you believe everything Winchell says?"... "I only believe," was the Old Timer's reply, "the things he denies about himself."

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**Midtown Vignette:** Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth's best ad in The Big City, relayed it last night... About the man who paused at an auction and found himself bidding for a parrot... One dollar, two, three, four!... Seven, eight, nine, ten—until he got it for \$14... It all happened so hurriedly—and there he was in the subway carrying the darned thing... "Imagine paying \$14 for a parrot," he mused. "Maybe it don't even talk!"... "Whaddaya mean, can't even talk?" asked the parrot, "whothel do you think was bidding against you?"

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**Our Last-Line Dep't:** Out to Lunch. Be Back Sept. 1st.

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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## New York Newsreel

The pickets outside the Palace Theatre where Walt Disney's new film "The Reluctant Dragon" is starring. Their signs read: "Don't Rat on Mickey Mouse!"... The hobby shop on downtown Broadway with the sign in the window: "Trade in your old autographs"... Joe DiMaggio and his pretty bride being bombarded by autographers at 48th and the Main Stem... Nutzi, the 46th Street cab pilot. After winning a nolsy argument between taxi military experts (on the best way to stop a blitz) Nutzi was bawled out by the traffic cop with: "Whaddaya think yer drivin'—a tank?"... Shubert Alley between Broadway and 8th Avenue (44th to 45th Streets)—it was made in order to provide an escape for theatregoers in case of fire... It also provides an escape for bored critics.

The wardrobe mistress backstage at the Eltinge Theatre, who is three-quarters Indian, one-quarter Irish... The straw fan in the paw of Robert Burns' statue in Central Park. Some prankster's idea of a good hot spell gag... The femme haberdashery on Broadway which advertises: "A Pretty Girdle Is Like a Melody"... The 86th Street newsdealer who displays several front pages dated 1917—side by side with today's headlines... The little old man with the long black beard who scavenges the Broadway waste barrels. The legend is that he once was a prominent cafe owner until he met a blonde blitz.

The hinterlanders taking over Times Square for the weekend. Broadway on Sunday is Scranton, Pa., on Monday... The Columbus Circle soap-boxer, talking to an audience of one—a bored cop... Safety sign seen near the Lido Beach Club: "Drive Slowly. Don't Be a Hearse's Neck!"... The down-and-outer near the City Hall fountain washing his face and drying it with a dirtier kerchief... The chorus girl whose shoe came off at 48th Street and the Main Drag—and the two gallants who bumped heads in their haste to retrieve it for her... The chalked lettering on Tombs Prison—"Cooler Inside."

Some of the trees still standing in Washington Square which once served as gallows. The Square once was a potter's field... Macy's, which was founded by a whaling captain... The Negro Community in the West 60s called San Juan Hill—a tribute to the heroism of Negro troops in the Spanish-American War... The scars on buildings at 25th Street and 8th Avenue—bullet marks. The result of a riot in 1871... Gramercy Park—the most exclusive park in town—once a swamp... That granite hitching post near Rutherford Place. It once stood in front of William Penn's home in Phila... The private park for swanky Tudor City residents. It once was a gangsters' hideout... On the wall of a meat packing plant on First Avenue and Forty-sixth Street is a tablet denoting the spot where Nathan Hale was executed.

The snow scene in the L. J. Fox window (furs) which is turned on only when the temperature hits 90... The Madison Avenue florist's window card: "Our flowers are good to the last droop"... That fortress-like warehouse on DePeyster Street was built more than 100 years ago by a few East Indian merchants... The town's oldest restaurant is located on Cedar Street and caters only to men... The Commodore Hotel, 28 stories high, which has five additional stories underground to strengthen its foundation... Near Grant's Tomb there's a rare ginkgo tree, whatever that is... Six hundred and fifty steel foundation columns support Pennsylvania Station... Feel safer?

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*Maiden Lane* which was so named because it was a footpath used by lovers along a rippling brook... The Center Theatre which has a special ventilating system to carry off the heat produced by the 400 bulbs in the chandelier... The fellow at 34th Street who runs a hot dog stand and plays classical recordings on his phonograph between sales... The beauty parlor's warning to patrons: "Ladies should be seen and not heard"... The antique shop on 3rd Avenue with a sensayuma. It displays jokebooks in the window—most of which you can hear on the radio every night... The doors of the vaults at the Federal Reserve Bank which weigh 90 tons... Imagine a nickel getting all that protection.

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*The gently-worded ad* in the window of a 72nd Street laundry: "Clothes Bathed"... The composure of a kitten navigating the eighth story ledge of a hotel—and the apprehension of the spectators below... Rudolph Valentino's monument in New York: The cafe on Second Avenue that bears his name... The girl in a midtown night club in a lace evening frock and an Admiral's hat... The drunk on 52nd Street introducing all women passersby—as his wife... The girl whose hair-do features tiny American flags... The line of giggling women waiting outside a burlesk theatre to buy tickets... One of the most beautiful creatures in the world—the Chinese girl behind the Chinese Bazaar on the Coney boardwalk... The eye-filling chorines giving the boys on the corner a swell show with their skimpy Summer toggery.

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*The Irving Trust* at One Wall Street which isn't planning an air-raid shelter as colyumed... Well, don't say we didn't warn them... Brazil's affable Consul General, Oscar Correia—cementing goodwill with some New Yorkers—after one of those silly misunderstandings that sometimes can do such damage... The British sailors and marines taking pictures of themselves (in those dime photo machines in the 42nd Street arcades) to send back home... The flickering of lighted matches in the darkened Lewisohn Stadium. Like thousands of fireflies... The gorgeous equestrians who enchant Central Parkers early Sundays... Beauts and Saddles... The drugstore on Fifth Ave. which offers: "Free Dog Books—Just Published"... The Broadway reducing salon which charges: "\$1 for each item"... Huh?

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*The grotesque shapes* of some of our citizens in their gabardine apparel... Ice cream cones in children's hands... The shapely lass tugging at her you-know-what—and passing smart Alexanders asking: "Need any help, Toots?"... The exasperated drunk at 48th and 8th carefully removing his bridgework as he challenges a heckler to fight it out... The thrill looking at Radio City lit up by dozens of spotlights, and the Chicago gal who grunted: "We got the same thing in the Wrigley Building!"... Izzatso?... The one cab driver in town that the other drivers can be proud of—John Clynes, 73. Has been hacking since 1907. Usually hacks near the Majestic Apts. Has the steadiest nerves, despite his years, of any backmarker in town... The Stock Exchange which is owned by 1,375 members—and the chorines know nearly all of them.

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## Notes of a New Yorker

After all of George Jean Nathan's work and struggle for recognition, his home burg, Fort Wayne, Indiana, erected a plaque to a movie gal named Jane Peters (Carole Lombard)... Gary Cooper stands a fine chance of copping the Academy Award this time for his tip-top performance in "Sgt. York"... When Gary was a student at Grinnell College, Iowa, he applied for membership in the dramatic society there and was spurned because, they said, he couldn't act... Overheard at a preview: "Hello, tall, dark and hands off!"... Bubbles Schinas calls that Yoo-Hoo General "King Lear"... Back from vacationing in the Catskills, a Broadwayite enthused about the rural sector... "So peaceful!" he raved. "Every night you're lulled to sleep by the chirping of crickets, the croaking of frogs, and the ripple of the borscht!"... New York is like this: In the office building at 515 Madison Avenue the tenants include the America First Committee and the R.A.F. Benevolent Society.

Sinclair Lewis is playing the John Barrymore role in "Dear Children" in the sticks... The other performance one of the gags fell flat... It was this: "I raise pigs." Answer: "That's a fitting profession for an actor"... Later Sinclair was groaning about its flop... "It didn't go so well," he explained, "because these dopes up here never heard of the word 'ham.'"

To which a critic replied: "They soon will."

Louis Fischer in his book recalls one of Goebbels' quotes which is probably choking Berlin's lyingest midget by now: "Whoever treats with Bolshevism will end by being devoured by it"... The gag in Rumania, they tell you, goes this way: "Ever since we joined the Axis we are getting food like Germany's—earthquakes like Japan's, and an army like Italy's!"... Publisher John Farrar took a wallop at Dorothy Parker, who rapped his favorite author, Katharine Brush... It is quite a local war... One of the innocent bystanders can't figger out why they are making such a blaze out of a little Brush-Farrar.

Comforting Thought for the Drafted: The Commander-in-Chief wants them to stay in an army camp for another year so that their families will never be shoved into a concentration camp forever.

Items that arrest my ears: One of the girl cashiers at the Automat, on 57th near 6th, wears a different dress daily... Observers claim she's changed frocks every day for many months... Her name is Nancy Mellon... Beverly Roberts, weary of night club chanteusing, is again playing leads. This time in the Hepburn role in "Phila. Story" at Glen Rock, N. J.... Piping Rock at Saratoga is where the Copacabana beauties appear—and producer M. Proser has rented a mansion where they all dwell. The press agent, Jacques Diamond, is the only male boarder—"to keep the wolves from the door"... Jimmy Dorsey's B'way Confucius contrib: "On B'way it isn't as hard for you to become a success as it is for success to become you!"

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*Of all things!* Stripper Margie Hart has purchased two \$200 frocks for stage work... Boston sports writers are feuding heavily—a battle royal, according to foreigners from that place. It all started over Babe Dahlgren recently... Dixie Davis has given up his Palm Springs fruit stand. He's now a salesman and is living as quietly as he can with his wife, Hope Dare—having had their fill of woe being New Yorkers... Don Julian and Marjori, the dancers, had been at the Rainbow Grill eight months. Manager Roy decided they'd been there long enough. So now they are dancing at the Rainbow Room—across the hall... During the trial of Enoch Johnson, Atlantic City politician, the newspapers couldn't agree whether his nickname was "Nucky" or "Nocky"... The judge ended the debate by fixing to have him referred to by number.

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*Ray Clapper*, the columnist, exhibited some of the abusive and stupid letters he gets from Lindberghers... Clapper pointed out that abuse has replaced reason in the minds of those people... All of which is a new way of spelling crackpots... But get this irony. The jack-as-triches who submit vile letters are the ones who yelp that their heroes are being smeared... Hitler claims he is fighting a religious war against the Russians "who do not recognize any church"... That's a cinch to debunk... Every time Hitler's air force recognized a church in England—they bombed it.

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*When the White House* sent some of the secretarial staff in a White House car to the funeral of Louis Howe's sec'y at Asheville, N. C., the car was barred from the procession because it did not have a union driver... How B'way wars start: Lenore Lemmon, who opens at the Hurricane tomorrow night, says she'll do a Honeychile Wilder "in white face"!... The funeral will be Thursday... "Any three-card-Monte player will tell you," Howard Whitman declares in Coronet, "that good, simple, honest people make the best suckers"... Smarter crooks will tell you different... The ripest sucker is a chump with a taint of larceny, and he's invariably hooked trying to get something for nothing—illegally... Most embarrassed guy in town is the detective who took his girl (a show gal) to a movie where her purse was swiped!

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*The recent Yoo-hoo* incident between Lieut-General Lear and troops training in Tennessee has aroused national controversy. Many take the side of the General, claiming that discipline is more important than the soldiers' sore feet (from marching 15 miles in a 97 degree heat as punishment for flirting with some girl golfers)... On the other hand, many think the punishment too severe... The following story is offered to show that not all officers are starchy.

On a dark, rainy night, out from the front lines of Verdun a water-soaked, mud-caked group of American doughboys trudged in the French mud... At ease for a moment, one of them approached an officer in the darkness... "Excuse me, Sir, have you a cigarette?"... "Certainly, son," was the answer... As the doughboy lit up his cigarette the match revealed the face of General Pershing.

"General Pershing!" said the soldier.

"Yes, son," replied the General, "you took an awful chance. I might have been a second lieutenant!"

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*A London arrival* (via clipper) brought a half dozen lemons—which is practically the same as a million dollars right now... The boys at the Savoy were smacking their lips over the thought of lemon in their cocktails, when they discovered that Kathleen Harriman, daughter of Averill, had used the precious lemons for a rinse!

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Dear Walter:

The material you sent under cover of  
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been received. I want to thank you for it and  
to assure you that it is receiving due considera-  
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Mr. Winchell asked me to say  
Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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3. We, demand to know why he is allowed propagandizing "lies-cents" on radio when "loyal" Americans are forced off!
4. We, DEMAND an investigation of Winchell's activities by a GOYIM F.B.I.!
5. He is a WARMONGER and TROUBLEMAKER--we, DEMAND he be taken off the air!

~~GOYIM-~~

(Make 5 copies of this--send one to your Senator--one to the President and three to friends or relatives! We are depending on YOU to help rid America of its traitors! DON'T FAIL US!)

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
c/o The Mirror  
235 East 45<sup>th</sup> St  
N.Y.C.

Dear Winchell Mr. Walter Winchell

The deadliest information you ever  
will receive in reference to the operation  
of this deadly Ring, being you had  
trouble by opposing Communist as I  
only I hit the Communist with the  
degenerate underworld in N.Y.C.  
This might be my last letter.

To do away with anyone as I have  
learned the die appearing into their  
Ain, the Victims first has his name &  
Character poisoned by their power.

ful protected Ring & records of  
any kind, anywhere, secretly  
marked with false danger of  
statements against the Victims  
name & then followed everywhere  
of the friends, relatives, & business  
places where the Victims may do  
business is pointed out by their  
number Six or Five

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After that please see report for victims  
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The embassy's report for a prisoner  
held in front of poisoning train,  
or what is in the book on other crimes  
may be committed where the victims  
may go on paper or what is by body  
digger or have writing on a body  
that happens to have a mark or trace to  
they can make them victims and  
disappear into thin air.

My. Michael I have taken you to  
the vice side of Sleepwalkers on your  
one side, all I can say is to look  
on to the death information in  
the street taken by your mouth  
Victims

Oct 14, 1941

# NEW YORK MIRROR

DAILY AND SUNDAY

235 EAST 45TH STREET  
MURRAY HILL 2-1000

Oct. 31, 1941

Dear Mr. Tolson

Can you get us the information needed to answer this writer, please? The boss merely wants to know if it's true that [redacted] has been sentenced to 10 years.

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sincerely

*Rose Bigman*  
for Walter Winchell

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Case she says in it that [redacted] was sentenced to ten years according to  
b-6 FBI--get a letter from Hoover regarding this and then send a true  
copy of denial (if so) to her. with no other comment.

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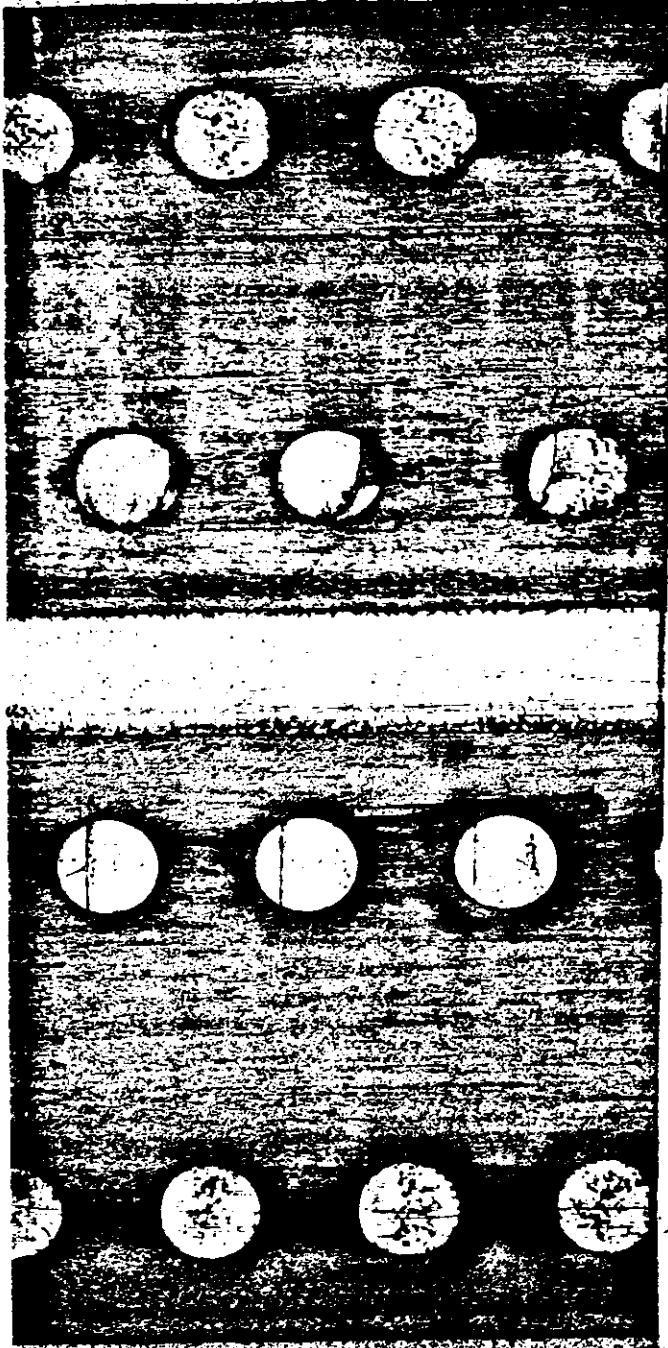
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Received Allegheny County Detective Bureau, Identification Division, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 4/1/40 change label - fugitive from Sedgwick County, Kansas.

Final disposition 3/4/41 nolle prossed deft. cost and turned over to Shf. for delivery to authorities from Sedgwick County, Kansas, who filed a warrantias a detainer.

*Handwritten signature or initials.*

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Miss Rose Sigmund  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Miss Sigmund:

With reference to your note of October 31, 1941, I wanted to advise you that there is no record in the files of the Bureau indicating that [redacted] has at any time been sentenced to a ten year prison term.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
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